

Introduction to Linguistics 1

Assignment 1

Deadline: 17th August 2025, 11:59 pm

1 Instructions

- Usage of Generative AI (ChatGPT, DeepSeek, etc.) is not allowed.
- Please cite your sources if you use any as a reference. Plagiarism is not tolerated.
- You may discuss with your peers, but please refrain from copying from one another.
- Please type the answers and submit a single pdf titled "Roll_Number_itla1.pdf" on Moodle.
- No deadline extensions will be possible.

2 Task

For each of the design features of language discussed in class, give sentences or words as examples. Give two examples each in English and your mother tongue which demonstrate that design feature. For those design features for which there is no meaningful example, explain that design feature in your own words.

3 Sample

Demonstrate synonyms in English and your mother tongue

English:

1. start — begin
2. conclude — end

Hindi:

1. jal — pani (*water*)
2. mulk — desh (*country*)

Note:

- For your mother tongue, you may use any commonly used script or the Roman script. Marks will neither be awarded nor deducted for script choice.
- Provide translations for examples in your mother tongue.
- Examples must be distinct across languages; that is, do not use direct translations. (For example, avoid "I eat an apple" in English and "mein ek seb khata hun" in Hindi.)