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Linguistics

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Time: One and Half Hours

Maximum marks 50

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- i. All questions are compulsory
- ii. Return the answer paper to the supervisor before you leave the Examination Hall.

Answer the following questions by putting a tick mark (✓) against the correct answer on the question paper itself.

1. Human language –unlike animal language can refer to a thing or event which is not present in the immediate environment. This property is called
 - a) Competence
 - b) Arbitrariness
 - c) Displacement
2. A morphological marker that causativises the verb:
 - a) increases the number of arguments of the verb.
 - b) weakens the verb semantically.
 - c) makes the verb infinitive.
3. An allomorph is defined as:
 - (i). a sound that occurs in any environment
 - (ii). a variant form of morpheme in some defined environment
 - (iii) a form of word that occurs independently
 - (iv). a form of word that brings semantic change in the word

Codes :

- a) All the above are correct.
- b) Only (i), (ii) and (iii) are correct.
- c) Only (ii) is correct.

4. 'Principle-A' of Binding Theory is associated with which one of the following ?

- a) Referential expression
- b) Reflexive pronoun
- c) Pro

5. What is the entailment of the sentence 'Tracy is a spinster' ?

- a) Tracy is a boy.
- b) Tracy is an old woman.
- c) Tracy is an old man.

6. The non – contiguous Indo Aryan languages are:

- a) Sinhalese, Divehi, Dakhini, Punjabi
- b) Sinhalese, Divehi, Dakhini, Hindi
- c) Sinhalese, Divehi, Dakhini, Saurastri

7. Subject in other than nominative case in various languages may be known as:

- (i). Dative – subject
- (ii). Non – nominative subject
- (iii). Ergative subject
- (iv). Syntactic subject

Codes :

- a) Only (i) is correct.
- b) All the above are correct.
- c) (i), (ii) and (iii) are correct.

8. If a language places the verb at the end of the sentence i.e. verb final language, it may have the correlational values as:

- (i). Noun + Post position
- (ii). Main verb + Auxiliary
- (iii). Standard of comparison + Comparative Adjective
- (iv). Verb + Negative

Codes :

- a) Only (i) is correct.
- b) All the above are correct.
- c) Only (ii) is correct.

9. The process of segment deletion in the initial position of a word is known as:

- a) Prothesis
- b) Apheresis
- c) Apocope

10. The term used in linguistic theory to represent the evaluation of levels of success in the writing of grammar is:

- a) Acceptable
- b) Discovery
- c) Adequacy

11. Who is associated with the concept of 'communicative competence' ?

- a) F.De. Saussure
- b) Noam Chomsky
- c) Dell Hymes

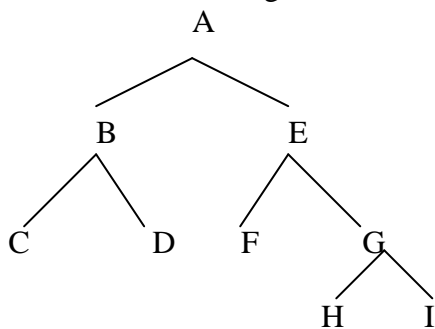
12. The Dravidian language spoken in the Baluchistan province of Pakistan is:

- a) Brahui
- b) Kurukh / (Kurux)
- c) Kolami

13. Infixes are found in the languages belonging to the _____ language family.

- a. Dravidian
- b. Indo Aryan
- c. Munda

14. In the diagram



B c-commands

- a) C and D
- b) Only E, F, G, H and I
- c) Only E, F, and G

15. Match items in List-I with List-II and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

	List I		List 2
1	Anaphors	i	+Anaphor +Pronominal
2	Pronouns	ii	-Anaphor -Pronominal
3	Referential expressions	iii	-Anaphor +Pronominal
4	PRO	iv	+Anaphor -Pronominal

Codes –

	1	2	3	4
a)	i	iv	ii	iii
b)	iv	ii	iii	i
c)	iv	iii	ii	i

16. Match items in List-I with List-II and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

	List I		List 2
1.	Head & Dependent Marking	i	Johanna Nichols
2.	Language Universals	ii	Keenan & Comrie
3.	Noun Phrase Accessibility Hierarchy (NPAH)	iii	Lehmann
4	Implicational Universals	iv	Greenberg

Codes –

	1	2	3	4
a)	ii	i	iii	iv
b)	i	iii	ii	iv
c)	i	iv	ii	iii

17. The determiner phrase (D.P.) analysis of noun phrases is associated with:

- a) Abney
- b) Chomsky
- c) Kayne

18. A movement towards greater uniformity and less variation among dialect is:

- a) Dialect levelling
- b) Dialect mapping
- c) Isogloss

19. A closed syllable is a syllable which is:

- a) arrested by a consonant
- b) has no releasing consonant
- c) has a releasing consonant

20. Partial reduplication of words where an initial consonant or syllable is replaced in the reduplicated word is known as:

- a) Reduplication
- b) Echo-words
- c) Conjunctive participle

Write short notes (ANY TWO)

20 Marks

1. How is sociolinguistic research concerned with external determinants of language choice?
2. Write a note on the subject properties of non- nominative subjects.
3. What is the relationship between brain lateralisation and language?
4. Distinguish between structural and inherent case with suitable examples.

Write an essay (not to exceed 500 words) on any ONE

10 marks

1. Explain the significance of error analysis and contrastive analysis in second language teaching and learning.
2. Choose any two modules of the Government and binding theory and discuss in detail with suitable examples from an Indian language.
3. Discuss the need for postulating underlying representations in phonology and explain the notion of rule ordering. Provide suitable examples.