

MEG-04 Aspects of Language
Assignment July 2019 and January 2020

Note: Attempt all questions. All questions carry equal marks.

Max. Marks: 100

1. Discuss the relationship between language and our perception of reality in terms of linguistic relativity and linguistic determinism.
2. Write short notes on any four of the following, giving examples as far as possible:
 - i) Changes in the meaning of words from Old to Modern English.
 - ii) Langue and Parole
 - iii) Problems in defining a speech community
 - iv) Code mixing and code switching
 - v) Status versus Corpus planning
 - vi) Monism and Dualism
3. What is Theta theory? Which parts of grammar does it affect? Discuss with examples of your own.
4. Discuss in detail four different approaches of looking at language and society (Unit 1, Block 6). Highlight the differences between all these approaches.
5. Historically discuss the rise of American English and its chief characteristics.