

LING E2015

Morphology and Syntax

Core Course

1.Aims:

To give theoretical and practical understanding of the morphemic and syntactic structure of language

2.Learning outcomes:

Morphology

After completing this course students will be able to Identify and describe basic concepts in morphology Point out interrelationship between morphology and others areas of linguistics Identify morphemes of a given language y means of analyzing actual data Explain types of words formation in a given language

Syntax

After completing this course students will be able to

Identify 'Sentence'

Identify various types of syntactic structure and point out difference in them.

Analyze different types of syntactic structures and point out differences in them.

Analyze different types of syntactic structures

Explain syntactic structure based on a theory

Explain historical development of syntactic theories

3. Contents

Morphology

i. Basic concepts : field of morphology, word, morpheme and types of morphemes,morph,affixes, inflectional and derivational morphemes, word formation, morphophonemic alterations, Sandhi, productivity,

ii. Morphemic analysis : identifying morphemes of a given set of data, study of morphemic structure, types of morphemes, word formation of Sinhala/ Tamil and English.

iii. History of morphology: understanding of the historical development of morphology

Syntax

i. Basic concepts : Field of syntax, its autonomy and interrelationship with other components of grammar, grammaticality vs acceptability, competence vs performance, sentence definition, word, phrase, clause, utterance, subordination, embedding, deep vs surface structure, transformations: passivization, causativization, nominalization. question formation, negation, clefting, topicalization, structure of simple and complex sentences, principles and parameters, syntax of Sinhala/ Tamil/ English: a brief study of the contemporary theories of syntax, practical application of syntax.

ii. Syntactic analysis : analyze actual sets of data and identify syntactic structure of a given language

iii. History of syntactic theories: History of syntactic theories and the development of syntactic in the 20th century

4. Assessments:

End of the year examination: three hour question paper.

5. Textbooks and reading materials:

Morphology

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සිල්වා, සුගතපාල ද. (1972). *භාෂා විෂයක පිළි*. (පි 10-14, 19-28). සීමාසහිත කොළඹ: ලේක්හවුස් ඉන්වෙස්ට්මන්ට් සමාගම.

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Riemsdijk, Henk Van. and Edwin, Williams. (1986). *Introduction to the Theory of Grammar*. Cambridge, Mass: MIT Pres.

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Do. (1965). *Aspects of the theory of syntax*. Cambridge, Mass: MIT Pres.

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