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Faculty of Humanities
Teaching English as Second Language

Introduction to Linguistics TESL E - 1015

Answer only 05 questions selecting at least two questions from part I.

No. of questions : 07

Time : 03 hours

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Part I

Provide essay type answers to questions to the following. (20 x2=40 marks)

1. "Human Language is different from animal communication." Do you agree? (20 marks)
2. Write an extensive description on consonants in the English language, addressing the manners and the places of articulation in depth. Provide the necessary examples to support your answer. (20 marks)
3. Discuss in detail, the basic parameters for describing vowels in the English language. Support your answer with relevant examples and diagrams. (20 marks)

Part II

Provide short answers where necessary.

4. Write short notes on the following.
 - a) Phonemes vs allophones (10 marks)
 - b) Contrastive distribution vs. Complementary distribution (10 marks)

5. Consider the sounds [t] and [c] in the following data from the Japanese language, and determine whether these two sounds are in contrastive distribution or in complementary distribution. Justify your answer logically, providing the necessary information and the theories clearly. (20 marks)

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| 1. [tambo] | “paddy” | - | [to] | “door” |
| 2. [cuku] | “arrive” | - | [macu] | “pine tree” |
| 3. [te] | “hand” | - | [takai] | “high” |
| 4. [curi] | “ fishing” | - | [kucu] | “shoe” |

6. a) Briefly explain the following terms providing examples to clarify. (10 marks)

- i) Morphs
- ii) Morpheme [Bloom Field (1993) definition]
- iii) Allomorphs
- iv) Affixes
- v) Direct and indirect objects in a sentence

b) Describe the morphemes in the following sentences. (10 marks)

There’s one thing about baldness; it’s neat.

7. a) Draw a tree diagram and briefly describe the following terms in syntax. (04 marks)

- i) S, NP, and VP nodes
- ii) branches
- iii) mother node
- iv) daughter nodes

b) Draw tree diagrams for each of the following: A noun phrase, a verb phrase, a prepositional phrase and an adjective phrase. (04 marks)

c) Draw tree diagrams for the following sentences. (12 marks)

- a. The mother carried her baby.
- b. Their child asked for money.
- c. A scientist discovered the answer.
