



University of Kelaniya – Sri Lanka  
Center of Distance and Continuing Education  
Bachelor of Arts (General) Degree First Examination (External) - 2021  
Faculty of Humanities  
Teaching English as a Second Language  
TESL 1015 – Introduction to Linguistics

No. of questions: 06

Marks: 100% (20\*5)

Time: 03 Hours

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Answer only five (5) questions.

1. "In human language, there is a gap between signal and meaning that can be filled in an unbounded number of ways. In animal communication, signals are tied to stimuli in the environment, or the internal states of the organism and human language has a creative aspect that animal communication lacks." (Chomsky 1968). Comment. **(20 Marks)**
2. Define fricative sounds with examples. **(20 Marks)**
3. "Phonology is the study of how sounds function within a particular language or languages, how they are organized and how they interact." (Katamba, 1989). Discuss this statement by providing examples. **(20 Marks)**
4. Write short notes on the following linguistic terms **(05\*4 = 20 Marks)**
  - a. Acoustic phonetics
  - b. Voiced and voiceless sounds
  - c. Suprasegmental features
  - d. Open vowels

5.

- i. Draw and label the following organs in the human sound-producing system.  
-Nasal Cavity, Hard palate, Larynx, Trachea, Diaphragm-

**(15 Marks)**

- ii. Use the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA) and transcribe the following words to phonetic symbols.

**(1/2\*10=05 Marks)**

- a. Yacht
- b. Apple
- c. Hole
- d. Boat
- e. Computer
- f. Telephone
- g. School
- h. Pleasure
- i. Magazine
- j. Psychology

6. Discuss the differences between consonants and vowels in the English language with examples.

**(20 Marks)**

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