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LINGUISTICS – Course L-6
(Aspects of Linguistic Behaviour)

(Admission of 2009 and onwards)

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks :70

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- Q 1. A Language is pluralistic in nature. There are Englishes, Hindis and not simply one unified English or one unified Hindi. Discuss the implications of such an observation on the study of language and on the nature of language.

OR

Standard languages are engineered. In view of this discuss the following:

- a. Terms such as 'language' and 'dialect'
 - b. Possible impact of standard ideology on language behaviour and language attitudes.
- Q. 2. Discuss differences between the following. Answer any two.
- (a) Observed behaviour and reported behaviour
 - (b) Stable variation and change in progress
 - (c) Sharp social stratification and fine stratification
 - (d) Change from above and change from below

- Q. 3. Discuss the principle findings with reference to language and gender in the following three situations: (a) Stable variation (b) Change from above and (c) Change from below.

OR

Discuss gender exclusive differences and gender preferential differences with adequate examples or research findings in support of your answer.

- Q. 4 Discuss the patterns of social class differentiation reported in the case of (a) Stable variation (b) Change from above and (c) Change from below.

OR

Discuss the methodology used in Labov's study of Departmental Stores in NY city. What are the strong and weak points of the methodology as used in the study?

- Q. 5 What is language variation? Discuss any one of the following with illustrative examples and/or research studies:
- (a) Phonological variation
 - (b) Morpho-Syntactic variation
 - (c) Lexical variation