M.A. / Post M.A. Diploma/ II Sem.

LINGUISTICS – Course L-5
(Introduction to Transformational Generative Syntax)

(Admission of 2009 and onwards)

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks :70

Write your Roll No. on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper.
Attempt all the questions. All questions carry equal marks.

(1) Discuss the relevance of <u>any one</u> of the following set of sentences in connection with the architecture of grammar drawing trees wherever necessary: (10)

    (a)   (i) Every student knows two languages.

            (ii) Some student read every chapter.

    (b)   (i) Which article did you file without reading?

            (ii) Mohan-ne kyaa khaayaa?

                Mohan-ERG what eat.prf.3ms

                'What did Mohan eat?'

    (c)   (i) Someone told Mohan to read every article by Sen.

            (ii) Someone told me that Mohan read every article by Sen.

(2) Account for the ungrammaticality of <u>any three</u> of the following and draw the respective tree diagrams: (15)

    (i) *Mohan did not be happy.

    (ii) *Rahul$_1$ liked Varun's$_2$ picture of himself$_1$.

    (iii) *What did Mamata wonder who would win.

    (iv) *Who did Mohan hear the story that told him?

    (v) *The student from Kakinada of Biochemistry.

(3) Discuss the motivations for updating the structure of the NP and draw the DP structure of <u>any three</u> of the following: (15)

    (15)

    (i) a te   kalap –od

       The you.NOM   hat-2s

       'Your hat.'

    (ii) amar ei   tin-Te   Sobuj SaRi

       My this three-CLA green Sarees

       'My these three green Sarees.'

    (iii) sen-in   el-in

       You-GEN hand-2s

       'your hand.'

    (iv) Mohan's refusing the offer.

    (v) George's destruction of the city.

(4) Motivate the X-Bar theory for NP, VP, IP and CP using the following as illustrative examples: (15)

    (i) Mohan likes this very tall guy more than that one.

    (ii) *Mohan will buy a book and Sonia will do so a newspaper.

    (iii) Mohan will read the book but may become confused.

    (iv) *Sonia asked whether had Mohan the book.

OR

Motivate the VP-internal Hypothesis using at the least the following as illustrative examples: (15)

    (i)   Phóg Máire an   lucharachán
           Kissed Mary the   leprechaun
           'Mary kissed the leprechaun.'

    (ii)   Les enfants (*tous) verront (tous) ce film
           The children all   see.fut all.pl this film

    (iii) I know a way that can't nobody start a flight.

    (iv) Gon open you that door.

    (v)   Which stories about each other did they say the kids liked?

(5) Identify the island conditions that are violated in <u>any three</u> of the following, drawing trees to illustrate your point <u>and</u> accounting for their ungrammaticality in terms of barriers: (15)

  (i)   *Who did that Priyanka was going out with bother you?

  (ii) *Which problem did Mohan find a principle that solves?

  (iii) *What did the news that India win is rather stale?

  (iv) *The bill that Mohan wondered who would write was the Spectrum bill.

  (v) *Who did Mohan get upset because read about WikiLeaks everyday?

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