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LINGUISTICS – Course L-11
(Historical Linguistics)

(Admission of 2009 and after)

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks :70

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Attempt all the questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. Discuss the different kinds of 'non-phonemic' and 'phonemic' sound changes with suitable examples.
OR
Discuss the processes of *deletion*, *epenthesis* and *compensatory lengthening* with suitable examples in different languages.
2. Discuss the notions of *assimilation* and *dissimilation* with suitable examples. Also discuss the relevance of Grassmann's Law with regard to dissimilation.
OR
Explain how *Grimm's Law* and *Verner's Law* have helped to understand the regularity hypothesis of sound change in historical linguistics.
3. Discuss the grounds on the basis of which Bloomfield calls Panini's Ashtadhyayi as '*one of the greatest monuments of human intelligence*'.
OR
Keeping in mind the main commentators on Panini's *Ashtadhyayi*, discuss how grammarians from IGT (Indian Grammatical Tradition) treat the concept of '*word-meaning relation as self-proven or siddha*'.
4. Discuss the main methods and procedures that help to identify the borrowings and determine the directionality of the borrowing.
OR
Discuss the relevance of *Sturtevant's paradox* with regard to the types of analogy and its relationship with the sound change.
5. Discuss how the Comparative method in historical linguistics help in linguistic reconstruction.
OR
Discuss major types of *semantic changes* that are responsible for the processes of *narrowing* or *widening* of the semantic domain of lexical items. Give suitable examples.