

**U.G. 1st Semester Examination - 2024****ENGLISH****[MINOR]****Course Code : ENG-MI-T-101****(Language and Linguistics)****[NEP-2020]**

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 Hours

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.**Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.***GROUP-A**1. Answer any **five** of the following questions:

2×5=10

- a) Define 'displacement' in language use with an example.
- b) Give a suitable example of phonetic change in English language.
- c) What is an idiolect? Give an example.
- d) Define a syllable with a suitable example.
- e) What does Noam Chomsky mean by 'competence'?
- f) Give three term description of the phoneme /u:/
- g) Define 'voiceless sounds' with two examples from English.
- h) Define 'hybridism' with one example.

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### GROUP-B

2. Answer any **two** of the following questions:

5×2=10

- a) Differentiate between Phonemic and Phonetic Transcription with suitable examples.
- b) Give a phonemic transcription of the following passage:  
Since many newspapers – especially their headlines – have little space to explain things in depth, they have developed a special vocabulary of their own.
- c) Give a phrase structure analysis of the following sentence:  
I couldn't help overhearing the terrible news.
- d) Write a brief note on semantic change with a suitable example.

### GROUP-C

3. Answer any **two** of the following questions:

10×2=20

- a) Discuss how human language or communication is different from animal communication.
- b) Identify any five organs of the articulatory system and specify their roles in the production of speech sounds.
- c) What do you mean by syllable structure? Give illustrative examples of any five syllable structures found in English language.
- d) Discuss after Paul Grice, the idea of maxims of conversation with suitable examples.