

Level: First year

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First Term Exam in Linguistics and Phonetics

Task 1: Choose the best option to complete the statements below _____ (5 pts)

1. _____ is the scientific study of language and its structure, including the study of grammar, syntax, and phonetics plus other fields like sociolinguistics, psycholinguistics, computational linguistics ... etc.

- a) Linguistics b) Macrolinguistics c) Microlinguistics d) Descriptive linguistics*

2. Who defines language as an arbitrary system of signs?

- a) Syntax b) Morphology c) Semantics d) Pragmatics*

3. Modern linguistics refers to the study of language as it exists at the present (current) time is called:

- a) Diachrony b) Synchrony c) Langue d) Parole*

4. The study of the forms of words and their combination, in particular inflected forms and derivations.

- a) Syntax b) Morphology c) Semantics d) Pragmatics*

5. Linguistic rules describe how sounds are pronounced in various positions. This is the of language analysis.

- a) Phonological level b) Syntactic level c) Semantic level d) Pragmatic level*

Task 2: Define the terms given below briefly in the space provided _____ (2 pts)

1. *Microlinguistics* _____

2. *Syntax* _____

3. *Macrolinguistics* _____

4. *Exhaustiveness* _____

Task 3: Answer only ONE of the following questions briefly _____ (3 pts)

1. What are the major objectives of linguistics?
2. From what have you studied, elaborate a comprehensive definition of language using your words.
3. Spot out the main differences between synchronic and diachronic linguistic studies.

Option: _____

Task 4: State whether the following statements are True or False (correct the false ones) (6pts)

1. Phonology is the study of speech production. It includes the anatomy of speech organs. It also includes the articulation, classification and perception of speech sounds.

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2. Phonetics is the study of speech sounds of a given language and their function within the sound system of that language as the rules governing a particular language.

_____ , _____

3. In the human speech organs, the upper vocal tract comprises the lungs, the trachea and the mouth.

_____ , _____

4. In speech production, the **labiodental** sounds are formed by using the lower **teeth** with lower **lip** /s, z/,

_____ , _____

5. The **International Phonetic Alphabet** is used to represent the spoken sounds of all the languages accurately (i.e. English, French or Arabic... etc).

_____ , _____

6. There are 24 vowel sounds OR phonemes in the English language.

_____ , _____

Task 5: 1-Describe how consonantal phonemes are articulated and provide one example (4pts)

OR 2-Describe how vowel phonemes are articulated and provide one example (4pts)

OPTION :

