

Semester II

Historical Linguistics II And History of Linguistics / Typology

Code – B4

Historical Linguistics II

Module – 1

(20+5 Marks)

1.1 Development of the nineteenth century comparative historical linguistics and its impact on the study of language; Neogrammarian theory of Sound Change; Concept of Sound Shift and Sound law; Some common Sound law

1.2 Sound Change and its basic concepts; Phonetic change and Phonemic change; Split and Merger; Conditioned vs Unconditioned change, Regular vs Sporadic; Types of change- Assimilation and other assimilatory sound changes, Dissimilation, Addition or Insertion, Loss or Deletion, Weakening, Metathesis, Coalescence etc.

1.3 Reconstruction – Comparative Method and Internal Reconstruction; Their scopes and limitations; Preliminaries of comparative method- cognate collection, establishing correspondences, reconstruction of the proto-form, reconstruction of sound change etc; Concept of innovation and retention; Internal Reconstruction- morphophonemic alternations as source of reconstruction, recovering historical contrasts by comparing alternating an non-alternating paradigm;

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Schools of Linguistics

Module – 2

(20+5 Marks)

Early linguistic thoughts in India and Europe – Contributions of Panini, Bhartrhari, Dionysius Thrax and Varro.
Development of Linguistics from 1786 to 1957 – Comparative Philology, Structuralism – The Prague School, The Copenhagen School, The Moscow School, The London School.

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TYOLOGY OF LANGUAGES

Module – 2

(20+5)

I. Basic concept of Language Universals: Approach of Chomsky and Greenberg: Classification of language universals.

II. Language Typology-Word order typology- Greenberg's model with special reference to South Asian Languages

III. South Asian Language groups- salient features, classification; approach towards semantic universals with reference to South Asian Languages.

IV. Concept of Linguistic Area; Major Linguistic Areas of the World: South-Asia as a Linguistic Area

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