

Semester III
Morphology II and Syntax II
Code – C2

Morphology II
[25 Marks]

Important word formation processes in English—Back-formation, Derivation, Reduplication, Conversion, Clipping, Acronymy, Blending, ; Compounding—Types and properties, Feature Percolation and Argument Linking Principle, Syntactic-Semantic approach in understanding compound formation; Productivity, Semi-productivity, Constraints on Productivity.

Problems in Morphemic approach, Centrality of Word concept; Basic insights from Lexical Morphology—lexical strata, stratum ordering, Derivation and Inflection in LM, lexical vs. post-lexical rules, Strict cycle condition; Bracket Erasure convention and Elsewhere condition.

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Syntax II
[25 marks]

Concept of Universal Grammar, Language Acquisition Device, Principles and Parameters; Fundamentals of GB theory—various sub-theories.

Concept of Subcategorization, Theta theory and Projection principle, c-selection and s-selection, theta criterion; Extended Projection Principle; X-bar theory, structure of lexical phrases and functional phrases.

Movement : NP movement, Wh-movement, Subject and Verb movement, concept of trace, constraints on movement; Case theory : concept of structural and inherent case, Adjacency and case assignment, case filter and visibility condition.

Basic Principles of Binding theory, Binding theory and Empty categories.

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