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**MEG 104: ASPECTS OF LANGUAGE**

Time: **3 Hours** Total Marks: **70**

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3. Explain the relation between language and thought in the light of the Sapir-Whorf Hypothesis.

2. Show that the English letters do not always mean the same sounds. Write

your answer with adequate examples (in about 120 words): 8

3. Discuss the following semantic relations among words: synonymy,

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4. State True or False: 1x8=8

1. On the Lakoffian approach only poetic language is metaphorical.
2. In the sentence *They made her their Secretary*, the word *Secretary* is functioning as Object.
3. In the sentence *The boys are playing in the field*,the phrase *in the field* is a noun phrase.
4. The word *kite* is made of four phonemes.
5. An inflectional morpheme changes the grammatical category of the base word as in *eating.*
6. According to Chomsky, grammar is independent of meaning.
7. Polysemy is the case where a word has several related meanings.
8. The English bound morpheme *–ing* (as in *eating*) is an inflectional morpheme.

5. Underline the verb forms in the following sentences which do not indicate

time: 2

1. He stopped to smoke.
2. He stopped playing cricket.

6. Underline the aspectual bound morphemes in the following sentences: 2

1. I have just taken my lunch.
2. He is taking his dinner.

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