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**TEZPUR UNIVERSITY**

**SEMESTER END EXAMINATION (AUTUMN) 2019**

**MEG 104: ASPECTS OF LANGUAGE**

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

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks for the individual question.*

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1. State True or False*.*  1x8=8

1. The words *white* and *colour* are synonyms.
2. The words *bank* (financial institution) and *bank* (side of a river) are polysemous.
3. The *Ghoti phenomenon* is associated with Ferdinand de Saussure.
4. The word *gate* is made of four phonemes.
5. An derivational morpheme does not change the grammatical category of the base word.
6. All vowels are voiced sounds.
7. Polysemy is the case where a word has several related meanings.
8. The English bound morpheme *–ed* (as in *walked*) is a derivational morpheme.

2. Underline the NPs in the following sentences. 1x2=2

1. The big brown cat caught a big black mouse.
2. He is playing badminton.

3. Underline the bound morphemes in the following sentences and

give their meanings: 1x2=2

1. The boys have been playing football since early morning.
2. He died a premature death.

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4. Show that the same letter of the English alphabet may mean

different sounds in different contexts. Write your answer with

adequate examples in about 100 words. 8

5. What are an *isolating* and an *agglutinative* language? Write your

answer in about 100 words. 8

6. Answer **any three** from the following. 3x14=42

1. Define language as a vehicle of rational thought and imagination. Write your answer in not more than 500 words
2. Explain (in about 500 words) Chomsky’s theory of Universal

Grammar.

1. What are the word formation processes? Explain them (in about 500 words) with reference to English.
2. What is displacement? How does it relate to imagination?

Explain in about 500 words

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