

**MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME IN
ENGLISH**

Term-End Examination

December, 2007

MEG-4 : ASPECTS OF LANGUAGE

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : Answer any **five** questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. Write short notes on any **two** of the following. Illustrate your answer with examples.
 - (i) Sapir Whorf hypothesis
 - (ii) Affixes, stems and roots
 - (iii) Anaphors
 - (iv) William Labov's contribution to Sociolinguistics

2. How is human communication different from other forms of communication ? Discuss, giving the characteristics of human language.

3. Illustrate some of the dominant consequences to the grammar, vocabulary and phonology of a language that result due to language contact in a multilingual society. Give examples with reference to English and your mother tongue.

4. Describe with examples the historical development of the English language with special reference to changes in spelling and word order.
5. How are consonants different from vowels ? Give a detailed description of the English vowels.
6. Briefly explain the five tests to identify a syntactic constituent.
7. Explain what is foregrounding through the use of parallelism and deviant construction.