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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION JULY 2015

COURSE TITLE : HISTORY OF LINGUISTICS (WESTERN)

COURSE CODE : IDE-AL311

TIME ALLOCATION: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS :
1. Answer Four (4) questions in all

2. Choose Two (2) Questions from Section A

3. Choose Two (2) Questions from Section B

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Section A

Question 1

Explain any **FIVE** of the following linguistic terms; (Use examples where applicable)

   a) Analogy and anomaly
   b) Grimm's Law and Verner's Law
   c) Parole and langue
   d) Sapir-Whorf Hypothesis
   e) Etymology
   f) Rebus Principle   [25]

Question 2

The Indian scholar, Panini developed a grammar based on economy, exhaustiveness, and consistency. Using examples to support your argument, describe these canons.

[25]

Question 3

   a) Discuss the role of religion in the history of linguistics.   [20]
   b) Draw and label two sub-groups of the Indo-European family. Give daughter languages in one of these sub-groups.   [5]

Section B

Question 4

Briefly explain the contribution made by the following scholars to the development of the history of Western linguistics:

a) Aristotle
b) Dionysius Thrax
c) Sir William Jones
d) Jacob Grimm
e) Leonard Bloomfield   [25]

Question 5

When classifying languages typologically, August Schlegel developed three types namely isolating, agglutinating, or fusional. Discuss these types, using examples from any language of your choice.   [25]

Question 6

Discuss Noam Chomsky's contribution to the study of language. State your views on **TWO** of his contributions.   [25]