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**TEZPUR UNIVERSITY**

**SEMESTER END EXAMINATION (SPRING 2023)**

**MAEGD/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. Answer the following **within 600 words**: 6+8=14
2. Discuss the following two design features of natural language after Charles Hockett:
3. Duality of patterning
4. Displacement
5. Answer the following **within 500 words:**
6. What is the postmodern approach to language? 14
7. The speech act theory of the British philosopher J. L. Austin considers language as a sort of action rather than a medium to convey and express. Explain the statement. What are locutionary, illocutionary, and perlocutionary acts? 14
8. What are the word formation rules in English? Exemplify the rules.

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1. Explain the following: langue and parole; competence and performance. 8
2. Answer **any eight** of the following as stated: 8
3. Say whether the following statement in bold is **true** or **false**:**A vowel is basically a type of speech sound rather than an alphabetic letter**.
4. Give the correct version of the following sentence: **We are having two children and they are twins.**
5. Say whether the following statement in bold is **true** or **false**: **The sentences“She stopped to meet me” and “She stopped meeting me” have the same meaning.**
6. Say whether the following statement in bold is **true** or **false**: **According to Chomsky, the human baby is born with the grammar of her mother tongue or first language.**
7. Say whether the following statement in bold is **true** or **false**: **English doesn’t have a future tense.**
8. Give two minimal pairs from English.

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1. Say whether the following statement in bold is **true** or **false**: **The English word ‘yesterday’ receives the stress on the second syllable.**
2. Say whether the following statement in bold is **true** or **false**: **Middle English was spoken between 1150 AD to 1450 AD.**
3. Say whether the following statement in bold is **true** or **false**: **The English bound morpheme *–un* (as in *unemployment*) is an inflectional morpheme.**
4. Subject the following the two sentences to complementization: 2
5. He goes there every day. I don’t like it.
6. Give the two different meanings that the sentence gives: 2
7. Flying planes can be dangerous.

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