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**TEZPUR UNIVERSITY**

**SEMESTER END EXAMINATION (AUTUMN) 2023**

**MEG / MAEGD 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. Explain language as a symbolic and subjective construction of the world (in around 500 words). 14
2. The British philosopher, J. L. Austin argued that language use should be viewed as performing actions rather than just conveying information. Explain his concepts of *locutionary* and *illocutionary acts* (in not more than 500 words). 14
3. How are words formed in English? Write your answer in not more than 500 words. 14
4. The Irish playwright, George Bernard Shaw pointed out that the English word ‘fish’ can be pronounced as ‘ghoti’, which is famously known as the *Ghoti phenomenon.* Explain the phenomenon in about 120 words. 8
5. Give the IPA symbols of the English (RP) pure vowels with one example word for each. 8
6. Say whether the following statements are **true** or **false***.*
7. English has three times and three tenses.
8. The Subject of an English sentence is always a doer or agent.
9. In the sentence, *‘He is a doctor’,* the NP *‘a doctor’* is an object.
10. The verb *‘put’* is a ditransitive verb.
11. The English bound morpheme *‘-er’* is an inflectional morpheme.
12. It is the third syllable of the word *‘yesterday’* that is stressed.
13. The theory of *Universal Grammar* is associated with Ferdinand de Saussure.
14. Modern English is generally considered to have begun around the late 14th century.
15. Give two ambiguous sentences from English. 2

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1. Underline the subordinate and complement clauses in the following sentences: 2

a. If you come I’ll be happy.

b. I love to play.

c. I know that he is dishonest.

d. That she is brilliant is known to everyone.

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