



ALLAMA IQBAL OPEN UNIVERSITY  
Semester Terminal Exam Autumn 2020

Program /level:	BS/Graduation	Maximum Marks	100
Title /Course Code	<b>Introduction to Linguistics (9051)</b>	Pass marks	50

**Instructions for Exams:**

1. Attempt All Questions.
2. Write answers in your own words and avoid copying from an internet source or any book.
3. Be precise, avoid unnecessary details, answer to each question must be between 600-800 words.
4. Students are advised to upload their answer sheets/solutions on LMS portal as soon as they complete their answers and not to wait for 8:30 PM.
5. Submissions after due date & time will not be entertained. Attach undertaking with each course code which were allowed to attempt in Urdu.
6. If plagiarism found, Student may be declared fail.

Q. No.	Questions	Marks
1	<p>What was the first <u>language</u>? How did language begin—where and when? Until recently, a sensible <u>linguist</u> would likely respond to such questions with a shrug and a sigh. As Bernard Campbell states flatly in "Humankind Emerging" (Allyn &amp; Bacon, 2005), "We simply do not know, and never will, how or when language began."The absence of such evidence certainly hasn't discouraged speculation about the origins of language. Over the centuries, many theories have been put forward about the origin or language. Critically evaluate some of these theories.</p> <p>Bernard Campbell in response to the question "what was the first language?" stats that "We simply do not know, and never will, how or when language began."The absence of such evidence certainly hasn't discouraged speculation about the origins of language. Over the centuries, many theories have been put forward about the origin or language. Critically evaluate some of these theories.</p>	33
2	<p>Questions of 'semantics' are an important part of the study of linguistic structure. They encompass several different investigations: how each language provides words and idioms for fundamental concepts and ideas, how the parts of a sentence are integrated into the basis for understanding its meaning, and how our assessment of what someone means on a particular occasion depends not only on what is actually said but also on aspects of the context of its saying and an assessment of the information and beliefs we share with the speaker. Assess the importance of semantics and pragmatics in communication.</p>	33
3	<p>Language variations can be a result of different factors such as profession, location, social class, activities, setting and several other factors. Examine a few of these factors. Give examples to support your answer.</p>	34