

ASSIGNMENT 07/05/2012 [DUE THURSDAY, 11/05/2012]

ANSWER ANY **FIVE** QUESTIONS [20 MARKS EACH]

1. Briefly characterize linguistic thought in the 19th century and state the main achievements of that time.
2. How was Saussure's approach to language different? State the main principles of Saussurean Structuralism.
3. What are the achievements of American structuralists? Weaknesses of their approach?
4. Linguistic determinism vs. linguistic relativism. Discuss.
5. How did Chomsky's ideas impact the development of linguistics in the 2nd half of the 20th century? What is the stated goal of generative/ transformational grammar?
6. What is the fundamental difference between the DESCRIPTIVE and the DIALECTICAL approach to language?