

# **B.A. FINAL EXAM TOPICS – LINGUISTICS**

(for students who started their B.A. studies in 2020 or later)

## **FUNDAMENTALS OF LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS**

### **1. *Fundamentals of language and linguistics***

- Linguistic nativism
- Creativity and the constrained nature of language
- Competence and performance
- Descriptive and prescriptive linguistics

#### Recommended literature

O'Grady, Williams, John Archibald, Mark Aronoff, Janie Rees-Miller. 2017. *Contemporary linguistics - An introduction* (7th edition). Boston/New York: Bedford/St. Martin's. Pages 1-13.

Tallerman, Maggie. 2015. *Understanding syntax*. London/New York: Routledge. Pages 1-7, 19-22, 24-26.

## **PHONETICS/ PHONOLOGY**

### **2. *The basics of speech production***

- Places of articulation
- Manners of articulation
- Laryngeal features

#### Recommended literature

O'Grady, Williams, John Archibald, Mark Aronoff, Janie Rees-Miller. 2017. *Contemporary linguistics - An introduction* (7th edition). Boston/New York: Bedford/St. Martin's. Pages 17-67.

### **3. *Phonological processes and variation***

- Assimilatory processes
- Free vs. conditioned phonological variation

#### Recommended literature

O'Grady, Williams, John Archibald, Mark Aronoff, Janie Rees-Miller. 2017. *Contemporary linguistics - An introduction* (7th edition). Boston/New York: Bedford/St. Martin's. Pages 69-120.

## **MORPHOLOGY**

### **4. *The structure of words***

- Basic concepts of morphology (free and bound morphemes, root, affix, allomorphy, syncretism, suppletion)
- Inflection and derivation
- Other word-formation processes (compounding, blending, clipping, conversion, backformation, acronyms, onomatopoeia, coinage)
- Productivity in morphological phenomena

#### Recommended literature

Haspelmath, Martin, Andrea D. Smith. 2010. *Understanding morphology*. Hodder Education. Pages 14-27, 114-122.

O'Grady, Williams, John Archibald, Mark Aronoff, Janie Rees-Miller. 2017. *Contemporary linguistics - An introduction* (7th edition). Boston/New York: Bedford/St. Martin's. Pages 121-150.

Radford, Andrew, Martin Atkinson, David Britain, Harald Clahsen & Andrew Spencer. 2009. *Linguistics - An introduction*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Pages 140-153.

### **5. Cross-linguistic variation in morphology**

- Analytic, synthetic, agglutinative, fusional tendencies in languages
- Morphological phenomena cross-linguistically (e.g. pre/suf/circum/infixes, reduplication, ablaut)

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Haspelmath, Martin, Andrea D. Smith. 2010. *Understanding morphology* (2nd edition). Hodder Education. Pages 4-6.

Lieber, Rochelle. 2009. *Introducing morphology*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 75-81, 117-139.

O'Grady, Williams, John Archibald, Mark Aronoff, Janie Rees-Miller. 2017. *Contemporary linguistics - An introduction* (7th edition). Boston/New York: Bedford/St. Martin's. Pages 274-276.

Radford, Andrew, Martin Atkinson, David Britain, Harald Clahsen & Andrew Spencer. 2009. *Linguistics - An introduction*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Pages 156-165.

## **SYNTAX**

### **6. Word classes**

- The major word classes and their morphosyntactic properties in English
- Cross-linguistic variation of word class properties

#### Recommended literature

Carnie, Andrew. 2013. *Syntax – A generative introduction*. Blackwell Publishing, Oxford, UK pages: 43-54.

Genetti, Carol. 2014. *How languages work - An introduction to language and linguistics* (2nd edition). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Chapter 5.

O'Grady, Williams, John Archibald, Mark Aronoff, Janie Rees-Miller. 2017. *Contemporary linguistics - An introduction* (7th edition). Boston/New York: Bedford/St. Martin's. Pages 169-172.

Tallerman, Maggie. 2015. *Understanding syntax*. London/New York: Routledge. Pages 33-69.

### **7. Sentence structure**

- Syntactic constituency, constituency tests
- Basic X'-theory (head, complement, specifier, phrases)
- Structural ambiguity

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O'Grady, Williams, John Archibald, Mark Aronoff, Janie Rees-Miller. 2017. *Contemporary linguistics - An introduction* (7th edition). Boston/New York: Bedford/St. Martin's. Pages 172-183, 238.

Radford, Andrew, Martin Atkinson, David Britain, Harald Clahsen & Andrew Spencer. 2009. *Linguistics - An introduction*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Pages 257-264, 271-276, 330-332.

### **8. Variation in syntax**

- The UG hypothesis, Principles and parameters
- Syntactic movements in English and their variations in other languages

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- O'Grady, Williams, John Archibald, Mark Aronoff, Janie Rees-Miller. 2017. *Contemporary linguistics - An introduction* (7th edition). Boston/New York: Bedford/St. Martin's. Pages 183-198.
- Radford, Andrew, Martin Atkinson, David Britain, Harald Clahsen & Andrew Spencer. 2009. *Linguistics - An introduction*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Pages 293-301.

## **SEMANTICS**

### **9. Basic concepts of semantics**

- Extension, intension
- Denotation, connotation
- Entailment
- Presupposition
- Paraphrase
- Contradiction
- The Principle of Compositionality

### Recommended literature

- Kearns, Kate. 2011. *Semantics* (2nd edition). Palgrave/Macmillan. Pages 2-12, 17-20.
- O'Grady, Williams, John Archibald, Mark Aronoff, Janie Rees-Miller. 2017. *Contemporary linguistics - An introduction* (7th edition). Boston/New York: Bedford/St. Martin's. Pages 221-224, 235-236.
- Radford, Andrew, Martin Atkinson, David Britain, Harald Clahsen & Andrew Spencer. 2009. *Linguistics - An introduction*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Pages 392-394.

### **10. Word meaning**

- Synonymy, antonymy, hyponymy, meronymy
- Homonymy, polysemy
- Prototype-theory, fuzzy concepts

### Recommended literature

- Löbner, Sebastian. 2013. *Understanding semantics*. London/New York: Routledge. Pages 42-46, 85-97, 174-183.
- O'Grady, Williams, John Archibald, Mark Aronoff, Janie Rees-Miller. 2017. *Contemporary linguistics - An introduction* (7th edition). Boston/New York: Bedford/St. Martin's. Pages 218-221, 228-229.
- Radford, Andrew, Martin Atkinson, David Britain, Harald Clahsen & Andrew Spencer. 2009. *Linguistics - An introduction*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Pages 170-182.

## **PRAGMATICS**

### **11. Gricean implicature**

- The Cooperative Principle
- Grice's maxims
- Conversational implicature

### Recommended literature

- Birner, Betty. 2013. *Introduction to Pragmatics*. Malden, MA: Wiley-Balckwell. Pages 40-62, 68-73.
- Genetti, Carol. 2014. *How languages work - An introduction to language and linguistics* (2nd edition). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 180-183.
- O'Grady, Williams, John Archibald, Mark Aronoff, Janie Rees-Miller. 2017. *Contemporary linguistics - An introduction* (7th edition). Boston/New York: Bedford/St. Martin's. Pages 249-251.

Radford, Andrew, Martin Atkinson, David Britain, Harald Clahsen & Andrew Spencer. 2009. *Linguistics - An introduction*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Pages 395-397.

## **FIRST LANGUAGE ACQUISITION**

### **12. Stages of acquiring a language and the critical period**

- Morphological development
- Syntactic development
- Acquiring the meaning of words

#### Recommended literature

O'Grady, Williams, John Archibald, Mark Aronoff, Janie Rees-Miller. 2017. *Contemporary linguistics - An introduction* (7th edition). Boston/New York: Bedford/St. Martin's. Pages 347-384.

## **SECOND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION**

### **13. From L1 to L2**

- Interlanguage
- L1 influences on L2 learning
- Factors affecting L2 acquisition

#### Recommended literature

O'Grady, Williams, John Archibald, Mark Aronoff, Janie Rees-Miller. 2017. *Contemporary linguistics - An introduction* (7th edition). Boston/New York: Bedford/St. Martin's. Pages 389-412.

## **SOCIOLINGUISTICS**

### **14. Socially conditioned variation**

- Labovian variables
- The effect of age, gender, and social class on language use

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O'Grady, Williams, John Archibald, Mark Aronoff, Janie Rees-Miller. 2017. *Contemporary linguistics - An introduction* (7th edition). Boston/New York: Bedford/St. Martin's. Pages 483-486, 508-516.

## **NEUROLINGUISTICS**

### **15. Brain, mind and language**

- Methods of psycholinguistic research
- Aphasia (fluent and non-fluent)

#### Recommended literature

O'Grady, Williams, John Archibald, Mark Aronoff, Janie Rees-Miller. 2017. *Contemporary linguistics - An introduction* (7th edition). Boston/New York: Bedford/St. Martin's. Pages 426-436, 467-472.