

6 SEM TDC ENG M 4

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ENGLISH

(Major)

Course : 604

(Linguistics and Phonetics)

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32/24

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

UNIT—I

1. Choose the correct option in any *three* of the following questions : 1×3=3

(a) The distinction between 'langue' and 'parole' was marked by

(i) Noam Chomsky

(ii) Ferdinand de Saussure

(iii) Sapir

(iv) R. H. Robins

(b) Diachronic linguistics is also known as

- (i) psycholinguistics
- (ii) sociolinguistics
- (iii) historical linguistics
- (iv) pure linguistics

(c) A person's own individual variety of speech is called

- (i) idiolect
- (ii) sociolect
- (iii) standard dialect
- (iv) style

(d) _____ is the regional variety of a language.

- (i) Parole
- (ii) Register
- (iii) Standard dialect
- (iv) Dialect

2. Answer any *one* of the following : 12

- (a) What is linguistics? Is linguistics a science? Discuss.
- (b) Discuss the differences between human language and animal communication.
- (c) Discuss language variations among individuals and language variations in the community with suitable illustrations.

3. Answer any *three* of the following : 5×3=15

- (a) Discuss briefly Noam Chomsky's concept of competence and performance.
- (b) Briefly discuss how two or more languages that come into contact may influence one another.
- (c) Write a short note on Saussure's concept of 'signifier' and 'signified'.
- (d) Write a note showing distinctions between synchronic and diachronic linguistics.

UNIT—II

4. Choose the correct option in any *three* of the following questions : 1×3=3

(a) "They attacked me in the street." Here, 'in the street' is an example of

- (i) complement
- (ii) adjunct
- (iii) verb phrase
- (iv) object

(b) "She found the party extremely enjoyable." Here, 'extremely enjoyable' is an example of

- (i) adjunct
- (ii) object
- (iii) complement
- (iv) adverbial phrase

(c) "May God bless you!" is an example of

- (i) assertive sentence
- (ii) exclamatory sentence
- (iii) optative sentence
- (iv) imperative sentence

(d) A ____ verb does not take direct object.

- (i) transitive
- (ii) intransitive
- (iii) finite
- (iv) weak

5. Answer any *one* of the following : 11

(a) Define adjective. Describe various uses of adjectives with suitable examples.

(b) Mention the basic sentence structures of English with examples.

(c) Discuss the common sentence patterns (e.g., question, statement, etc.) in English with appropriate examples.

6. Write short notes on any *four* of the following : 4×4=16

(a) Noun phrase

(b) Uses of adverbs

(c) Infinitives

(d) Any four rules of subject-verb agreement

(e) Adverbial phrase

(f) Participle phrase

(g) Adjuncts

UNIT—III

7. Choose the correct option in any two of the following questions : $1 \times 2 = 2$

(a) Sounds produced with the stricture of complete closure and sudden release are called

(i) affricates

(ii) plosives

(iii) fricatives

(iv) semivowels

(b) _____ is an example of velar sound.

(i) /d/

(ii) /s/

(iii) /h/

(iv) /g/

8. Answer any *one* of the following : 10

(a) What do you understand by 'pulmonic egressive air-stream mechanism'? Define the articulatory system by drawing an appropriate diagram. $2+8=10$

(b) What are the factors to be considered while describing the English vowel sounds? Describe English diphthongs with the help of suitable examples and diagram. $2+8=10$

- (c) What is a syllable? Discuss the composition of English syllable with proper illustrations. $2+8=10$

9. Write short notes on any *two* of the following : $4 \times 2 = 8$

(a) Cardinal vowels

(b) Phoneme

(c) Nasal sounds in English

(d) Phonatory system
