

FIFTH SEMESTER B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2019

(CUCBCSS—UG)

English

ENG 5B 02/DMENG 5B 02—LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer all the following questions :

- 1 The theory which is based on the assumption that language originated in the sense of rhythm innate in man :
 - (a) Ding Dong theory.
 - (b) The Bow-vow theory.
 - (c) The Pooh-pooh theory.
 - (d) The Gesture theory.
- 2 Human language is structured at the levels of phonemes and morphemes and at the level of words. This property of language is called _____.
 - (a) Duality of structure.
 - (b) Recursiveness.
 - (c) Displacement.
 - (d) Transference.
- 3 Who introduced in linguistics the concept of Langue and Parole ?
 - (a) Charles Sanders Pierce.
 - (b) Ferdinand de Saussure.
 - (c) Noam Chomsky.
 - (d) Edward Sapir.
- 4 A collection of similar Idiolect make up _____.
 - (a) Dialect.
 - (b) Idiolect.
 - (c) Register.
 - (d) Slang.
- 5 The older term used to designate the study of languages is _____.
 - (a) Philology.
 - (b) Haplogy.
 - (c) Phonology.
 - (d) Semiology.
- 6 _____ is a unit of speech which is at a level higher than the speech sound or phoneme.
 - (a) Syllable.
 - (b) Stress.
 - (c) Intonation.
 - (d) Pitch.

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- 7 _____ are articulated by raising the back of the tongue towards the soft palate.
- (a) Post-alveolar. (b) Palate-alveolar.
(c) Palatal. (d) Velar.
- 8 Which of the following patterns of intonation is used in declarative sentences uttered as ordinary statements ?
- (a) The falling. (b) The rising.
(c) The fall-rise. (d) None of the above.
- 9 "Smoking is a bad habit" : Identify the category to which "smoking" belongs :
- (a) Adjective. (b) Noun.
(c) Gerund. (d) Adverb.
- 10 Words such as 'smog' and 'motel' are instances of _____.
- (a) Compounding. (b) Portmanteau.
(c) Derivation. (d) Backformation.

(10 × 1 = 10 marks)

II. Answer any *ten* of the following questions in two or three sentences :

- 11 What is meant by 'the arbitrariness' of language ?
- 12 Distinguish between the signifier and the signified.
- 13 What is Neuro-linguistics.
- 14 Which kind of air-stream forms the basis of most speech sounds ?
- 15 Which are the three branches of phonetics ?
- 16 What are allophones ? Give examples.
- 17 What are minimal pairs ?
- 18 Juncture.
- 19 Bilabial.
- 20 Post-Alveolar.
- 21 What is clipping ?
- 22 He was ill, but he attended the classes. (Change into a simple sentence).

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

III. Answer any *four* of the following questions in a *paragraph* of 100 words :

23 How are diphthongs in English classified ?

24 Standard English.

25 Air Stream Mechanism and the organs of speech.

26 Branches of linguistics.

27 Mark Stress :

(a) Forgive.

(b) Anywhere.

(c) Recorder.

(d) Controversy.

28 Distinguish between the synchronic and diachronic approach to language study.

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)

IV. Answer any *two* of the following questions in 300 words :

29 What makes human language different from animal language ?

30 Write an essay on the basic assumptions of modern linguistics.

31 Describe the pure vowels of English RP.

32 Write an essay on the different methods of word formation in English.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)