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FOURTH SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, MARCH 2018

(Regular/Supplementary/Improvement)

(CUCSS - PG)

CC15 PEN4 E24–LINGUISTICS

(English)

(2015 Admission onwards)

Time:Three Hours

Maximum:36 Weightage

Part A

Answer *all* the following questions in a word or sentence.

Each question carries ½weightage

1. What is a consonant cluster?
2. Identify the place of articulation of the sound /k/.
3. What is a free morpheme?
4. Define a Minimal Pair.
5. What prescriptive rules for the 'proper' use of English is not obeyed in the given sentence: I can't remember the name of the person I gave the book to.
6. What is meant by the expression 'an embedded structure'?
7. What is meant by arbitrariness of language?
8. What are centering diphthongs?

(8x½=4 weightage)

Part B

Answer any *six* of the following questions in **100** to **150** words.

Each question carries **2** weightage

9. How are function words different from content words?
10. Immediate Constituent Analysis.
11. What is the distinction made between 'competence' and 'performance' in the study of syntax?
12. Explain convergence and divergence.
13. Write a note on intonation patterns.
14. What does an isogloss represent in a linguistic atlas?
15. Explain the difference between style shifting and code switching.
16. Describe 'language subordination'.
17. Universal Grammar.

18. What is the 'bow-wow' theory of language origin?

(6x2=12 weightage)

Part C

Answer any *1* question from each Section in *450* words.
Each question carries *5* weightage.

Section A

19. Write an essay on stress, rhythm and intonation in language, illustrating your answer with examples from English.
20. Write an essay on the classification of English speech sounds.
21. Bring out the distinction between syntagmatic and paradigmatic relations in language.

Section B

22. Write an essay on contrastive analysis.
23. Describe various theories of the origin of language.
24. Explain with examples the different methods of word formation.

Section C

25. Attempt an essay on Transformational Generative Grammar.
26. What were the drawbacks of Traditional Grammar? How does Structuralism seek to make improvements on Traditional Grammar?
27. Highlight the contribution of various schools of linguistics to English language.

Section D

28. Why does Saussure say that 'langue' is the linguistic part of the language and 'parole' is the executive part?
29. Write an essay on the Indian contribution in linguistics.
30. Write an essay on the history of English language by land marking the different periods of development of the language.

(4x5=20 weightage)
