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Fourth Semester

English — Allied

LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS

(For those who joined in July 2021 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. Words that sound similar to the noises they describe are examples of \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) Onomatopoeia      (b) Acrophobia  
(c) Bibliophile      (d) Anglomania
2. The relationship between linguistic signs and objects in the world is described as \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) Constancy      (b) Arbitrariness  
(c) Firmness      (d) Infidelity

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ forms the roof of the mouth.  
(a) Palate      (b) Larynx  
(c) Epiglottis      (d) Esophagus
4. \_\_\_\_\_ are made by voiced air passing through different mouth shapes.  
(a) Consonants      (b) Vowels  
(c) Monothongs      (d) Diphthongs
5. Syllables which are not stressed often contain the vowel \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) /ə/      (b) /ɪ/  
(c) /ʊ/      (d) /æ/
6. If the statement is intended to be soothing or encouraging, use the \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) Glide down      (b) Glide up  
(c) Take off      (d) Glide dive
7. A meaningful morphological unit of a language that cannot be further divided is \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) Morpheme      (b) Bound morpheme  
(c) Prefix      (d) Suffix

8. Adverbials are words that we use to give more information about a \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) Noun (b) Verb  
(c) Interjection (d) Adjective
9. The study of language history and change also known as \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) Philology (b) Linguistics  
(c) Phonetics (d) Etymology
10. When a speech style is used to emphasize social distance between speakers, the process is called \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) Concord (b) Divergence  
(c) Uniformity (d) Correlation

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).  
Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Why is reflexivity considered to be a special property of human language?
- Or
- (b) How did Gardner try to show that Washoe was not simply repeating signs made by interacting humans? Discuss.

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12. (a) List the importance of speech organs.
- Or
- (b) Define consonant clusters with examples.
13. (a) What is the difference between stressed and unstressed words?
- Or
- (b) Define falling intonation with examples.
14. (a) Identify the free morphemes in the following words.  
Kissed, freedom, stronger, follow, awe, goodness, talkative, teacher, actor.
- Or
- (b) What is semantic field? Give examples.
15. (a) Which of the following words are likely to be from Old English and which from French :  
bacon, beef, calf, deer, ox, pig, veal, venison?
- Or
- (b) Define pidgin and state its characteristics.

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PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).  
Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Explain the basic idea behind the "bow-wow" theory of language origin.

Or

- (b) Why is it difficult to agree with Psammetichus that Phrygian must have been the original human language? Discuss.

17. (a) Illustrate how the speech organs work in English.

Or

- (b) Explain consonant clusters.

18. (a) Transcribe the following :

In Britain and around the world, the image of the family continues to change. The traditional "Victorian family", in which the man was the breadwinner, the woman the homemaker and the children numerous and obedient, is giving way to new ideas about what the modern family should look like.

Or

- (b) Explain falling and raising intonation with examples.

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19. (a) Elucidate collocation and its types.

Or

- (b) Examine nominal group.

20. (a) Distinguish accent and dialect.

Or

- (b) "A register is a linguistic variety that is deemed appropriate for use in a particular type of speech situation" - Justify.

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