

B.A. (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION,  
NOVEMBER 2023.

Fourth Semester

English - Allied

LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS

(For those who joined in July 2021-2022)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer:

1. Proposal involving natural sounds has been called the \_\_\_\_\_ theory.
  - (a) yo-he-ho
  - (b) bow bow
  - (c) pooh pooh
  - (d) bow woh

2. The process whereby a language is passed on from one generation to the next is described as \_\_\_\_\_ transmission.
  - (a) natural
  - (b) cultural
  - (c) ethical
  - (d) physical
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the most important organ of speech.
  - (a) tongue
  - (b) jaw
  - (c) pharynx
  - (d) glottis
4. \_\_\_\_\_ is a glide from one vowel to the other.
  - (a) Monothong
  - (b) Diphthong
  - (c) Cluster
  - (d) Polythong
5. The unstressed syllables before the stress are said very \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (a) quickly
  - (b) slowly
  - (c) gently
  - (d) moderately
6. The way of using tones is called as \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (a) Stress
  - (b) Intonation
  - (c) Rhythm
  - (d) Tone

7. Languages are made up of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (a) words
  - (b) sentences
  - (c) phrases
  - (d) idioms
8. In linguistics, the term \_\_\_\_\_ refers to a category used to group together nouns and adjectives based on shared properties.
  - (a) adverbials
  - (b) nominal
  - (c) adjectives
  - (d) verbal
9. The sound change is known as \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (a) metathesis
  - (b) linguistics
  - (c) phonology
  - (d) phonetics
10. The speech style that attempts to reduce social distance is described as \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (a) divergence
  - (b) convergence
  - (c) variation
  - (d) deviation

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions by choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Why are interjections such as Ouch! considered to be unlikely sources of human speech sounds? Explain.  
Or  
(b) What was considered to be the key element in Kanzi's language learning?
12. (a) How are the sounds of speech produced?  
Or  
(b) Define Diphthongs. List out diphthongs with examples.
13. (a) What are weak verbs? Give examples.  
Or  
(b) Explain Rising intonation.
14. (a) Give an account on Adverbial Group.  
Or  
(b) What are Minor sentences?

15. (a) Define Speech Community.

Or

(b) What is Cognate?

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions by choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Examine Yo-heave-ho theory.

Or

(b) Where is the pharynx and how did it become an important part of human sound production? Illustrate.

17. (a) Explain Organs of speech.

Or

(b) Analyze the manner of articulation.

18. (a) Transcribe the following passage:

Another area which has changed significantly is what happens before marriage. In the past, people lived with their parents until they got married, and each

marriage was supposed to be a "white wedding". Today, living together before marriage and premarital sex are considered normal, and many people "tryout" their relationship by living together before getting married.

Or

(b) Summarize Falling intonation (for statements) and Rising intonation (for Yes/No questions) with examples.

19. (a) Illustrate Immediate constituent analysis with example.

Or

(b) Examine verbal group.

20. (a) A vernacular or vernacular language is in contrast with a "Standard Language". - Justify.

Or

(b) Explain Classifiers.