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Fourth Semester

English – Allied

LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS

(For those who joined in July 2021 & 2022 only)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. Language is passed on from one generation to the next is described as _____.
(a) Cultural transmission
(b) Arbitrariness
(c) Displacement
(d) Reflexivity

2. Humans are continually creating new expressions to describe new objects is called _____.
(a) productivity (b) capacity
(c) reference (d) duality
3. Nasal consonants are articulated with a stricture of _____.
(a) Complete oral closure
(b) Slow-release
(c) Complete oral open
(d) Sudden-release
4. Compressed air followed by a sudden release is called _____.
(a) Pharynx (b) Vocal cords
(c) Larynx (d) The glottal stop
5. Changes and disappearances of sounds alter the _____ of English words.
(a) Colour (b) Shapes
(c) Size (d) Tones
6. The tune for strong exclamations is _____.
(a) Glide-up (b) Dive
(c) Take-off (d) Glide-down

7. _____ refers to the emotional, cultural, or social associations and implications that are attached to a word beyond its literal or denotative meaning.
- (a) denotation (b) connotation
(c) association (d) collocation
8. A nominal group is also known as _____.
(a) verb phrase (b) noun phrase
(c) verbal group (d) auxiliary group
9. The term _____ identifies where an individual speaker is from, regionally.
(a) dialect (b) accent
(c) style (d) pronunciation
10. A development from a pidgin to a Creole is known as _____.
(a) Creolization
(b) Decreolization
(c) Pidgin
(d) Meaning

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

11. (a) Explain the 'bow-wow' theory of language origin.
Or
(b) Explain the necessity of arbitrariness in human language.
12. (a) How does the soft palate affect the direction of the air stream?
Or
(b) Explain Nasal consonants with examples.
13. (a) How to use the tunes in Wh-questions.
Or
(b) Explain the use of weak forms of words.
14. (a) Define Connotation.
Or
(b) Define Complex sentences with examples.

15. (a) Middle English and its implications.
Elucidate.

Or

- (b) Discuss the significance of regional dialect.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Enlighten the properties of human language
in detail.

Or

- (b) What are the purposes of studying animal
communication? Explain.

17. (a) Write the importance of vowels.

Or

- (b) "Vowels must be learned by listening and
imitating". Justify.

18. (a) Analyze the importance of intonations.

Or

- (b) Transcribe the following passage:

Once upon a time, a Psychology professor walked around on a stage while teaching stress management principles to an auditorium filled with students. As she raised a glass of water everyone expected that they would be asked the typical "glass half empty or glass half full" question. Instead, with a smile on her face, the professor asked, "How heavy is this glass of water I am holding?"

19. (a) Investigate noun phrases and their functions.

Or

- (b) Discuss the significance of the nominal group
with examples.

20. (a) Write a brief outline of the history of the
English language.

Or

- (b) English Pidgins and Creole – Explain.