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ENGLISH

( Major )

Course : 604

( **Linguistics and Phonetics** )

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32/24

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks  
for the questions*

UNIT—I

1. Answer very briefly any eight of the following : 1×8=8

(a) Which one, out of these three, is not one of the characteristic features of language?

Arbitrariness ;  
Productivity

Replacement ;



- (b) What is the elementary concept of 'dialectology'?
- (c) The smallest unit of sound in language is called \_\_\_\_\_. (Fill in the blank)
- (d) "Speech is the representation of the experience of the mind." Whose statement is this?
- (e) What is an open syllable?
- (f) Give an example of diphthongal glide.
- (g) Give an example of adverbial clause.
- (h) What is an affricate?
- (i) The bus plies on this road everyday. (Add an adverb of frequency)
- (j) What is 'slang'?

2. Answer any one of the following :

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- (a) Discuss some of the important characteristic features of language.
- (b) Prepare a note on the informative and communicative aspects of language.
- (c) Analyse the concept of sound and meaning in the field of language operation.
- (d) Discuss some of the important causes of language change.

3. Answer any three of the following :  $5 \times 3 = 15$

- (a) Analyse briefly the concept of idiolect in language.
- (b) What is a register in language? Discuss some of the elements of register.
- (c) Present a brief note on dialects.
- (d) Write a short note on langue and parole.
- (e) Discuss the importance of vocabulary in technical, specialized and field-specific studies.
- (f) "Language is not only used for communication, but also for self-expression." Discuss.

## UNIT—II

4. Answer any one of the following :

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- (a) Classify some of the rules of subject-verb agreement in English grammar.
- (b) Present an analytical note on the verb forms of English language with suitable examples.
- (c) Write a note on adverbs and adverbial phrases of English with suitable examples.



5. Write short notes on any *three* of the following : 5×3

- (a) Modal auxiliaries
- (b) Kinds of adverb
- (c) Relative clause
- (d) Past forms in English
- (e) Compound nouns
- (f) Question sentences

UNIT—III

6. Answer any *one* of the following :

- (a) What role does 'airstream mechanism' play in the production of speech sounds?
- (b) Write a note on 'suprasegmentals'.
- (c) Analyse the consonant classifications in English language.

7. Write short notes on any *two* of the following : 5×2=

- (a) Phonemes
- (b) Accentuated patterns of English words
- (c) Intonation
- (d) Consonant clusters

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