# FIFTH SEMESTER B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2018

## (CUCBCSS—UG)

### English

### ENG 5B 02/DMENG 5B 02—LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS

Time : Three Hours                                                                 Maximum : 80 Marks

I.  Answer *all* the following questions :

1.  Which among the following statements is not true ?

    (a)  Language is a means of communication.

    (b)  Language is symbolic.

    (c)  Language is structural.

    (d)  Language is the only means of communication.

2.  Using a finite set of rules a speaker can produce innumerable grammatical utterances. This property of language is called —————.

    (a)  Duality of structure.          (b)  Recursiveness.

    (c)  Displacement.                   (d)  Transference.

3.  Who introduced in linguistics the concept of Competence and performance ?

    (a)  Charles Sanders Pierce.        (b)  Ferdinand de Saussure.

    (c)  Noam Chomsky.                  (d)  Edward Sapir.

4.  The language variety which has certain features which are typical of certain disciplines, topics, fields, occupations and social roles played by the speaker, is called —————.

    (a)  Dialect.                        (c)  Idiolect.

    (b)  Register.                       (d)  Slang.

5.  ————— is the basis of all sounds in English language and in most languages in India.

    (a)  The pulmonic air stream mechanism.

    (b)  The glotalic air stream mechanism.

    (c)  The velaric air stream mechanism.

    (d)  None of the above.

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6. —————— are produced involving the tip of the tongue and the back part of the teeth ridge.

    (a) Post-alveolar.           (c) Palate-alveolar.

    (b) Palatal.               (d) Velar.

7. The preceding sound influencing the following sound is an instance of —————— assimilation.

    (a) Progressive.           (b) Regressive.

    (c) Reciprocal.            (d) None of the above.

8. Which of the following patterns of intonation is used in commands :

    (a) The falling.            (b) The rising.

    (c) The fall-rise.          (d) None of the above.

9. "Fishing is my favourite hobby": Identify the category to which "fishing" belongs :

    (a) Adjective.            (b) Noun.

    (c) Gerund.              (d) Adverb.

10. Words such as 'UNESCO' and 'RADAR' are instances of ——————.

    (a) Compounding.         (b) Acronym.

    (c) Re-duplicates.        (d) Conversion.

(10 × 1 = 10 marks)

II. Answer any *ten* of the following questions in two *or* three sentences :

11. Why does Charles Hockett say that language is characterized with the duality of structure ?

12. What is Dialect ?

13. Define the term 'linguistics'.

14. Semiology and Semiotics.

15. Bilingualism.

16. What is phonology ?

17. What are semi-vowels ?

18. He was ill and didn't attend the party. (Change into a simple sentence).

19. Labio-dental.

20. What is a Morpheme ?

21. What is Semantics ?

22. Distinguish between content words and form words.

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

III.  Answer any *four* of the following questions in *a paragraph* of 100 words :

23.  Distinguish between Langue and Parole.

24.  Air Stream Mechanism and the organs of speech.

25.  Mark Stress :

    (a)  Beside.                (b)  Educate.

    (c)  Manner.             (d)  Politician.

26.  Properties of human language.

27.  Distinguish between Competence and Performance.

28.  Cardinal Vowels.

<div align="right">(4 × 5 = 20 marks)</div>

IV.  Answer any *two* of the following questions in 300 words :

29.  Define Language and explain the most important properties of human language.

30.  Write an essay on the basic assumptions of modern linguistics.

31.  Classification of consonants with regard to the place of articulation.

32.  Write an essay on the different methods of word formation in English.

<div align="right">(2 × 15 = 30 marks)</div>