

**FIFTH SEMESTER B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2017**

(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 The theory which is based on the assumption that language originated as a result of human instinct to imitate sounds :
  - (a) Ding Dong theory.
  - (b) The Bow-vow theory.
  - (c) The Pooh-pooh theory.
  - (d) The Gesture theory.
- 2 Find the odd one out :
  - (a) Ferdinand de Saussure.
  - (b) Edward Sapir.
  - (c) Leonard Bloomfield.
  - (d) Herman Gundert.
- 3 Language is never static. It goes on changing. This property of language is called \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (a) Dynamic.
  - (b) Recursiveness.
  - (c) Displacement.
  - (d) Transference.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ is the totality of the speech habits of an individual.
  - (a) Dialect.
  - (b) Idiolect.
  - (c) Register.
  - (d) Slang.
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ is the discipline where the methodological perspectives of both linguistics and sociology converges.
  - (a) Linguistics of sociology.
  - (b) Socio-linguistics.
  - (c) Sociology of linguistics.
  - (d) None of these.
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ are words which differ only in one phoneme.
  - (a) Diphthongs.
  - (b) Triphthongs.
  - (c) Semi-vowels.
  - (d) Minimal pairs.

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- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ are articulated by raising the front of the tongue towards the hard palate.
- (a) Post-alveolar. (b) Palate-alveolar.  
(c) Palatal. (d) Velar.
- 8 Which of the following patterns of intonation is used in W H questions ?
- (a) The falling. (b) The rising.  
(c) The fall-rise. (d) None of the above.
- 9 "Swimming is good for health": Identify the category to which "swimming" belongs.
- (a) Adjective. (b) Noun.  
(c) Gerund. (d) Adverb.
- 10 Words such as 'phone' and 'photo' are instances of \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) Compounding. (b) Portmanteau.  
(c) Derivation. (d) Clipping.

(10 × 1 = 10 marks)

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

- 11 What is meant by 'the arbitrariness' of language ?
- 12 Distinguish between the signifier and the signified.
- 13 What is Neuro-linguistics.
- 14 Which kind of air-stream forms the basis of most speech sounds ?
- 15 What is the position of the velum in the production of nasal sounds ?
- 16 What is assimilation ?
- 17 What is a syllabic consonant ?
- 18 She is not only pretty but also clever. (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 Two modes of communication.

24 Descriptive and prescriptive approaches to the study of language.

25 Mark Stress :

(a) Escape.

(b) Customer

(c) Magnetic

(d) Psychology

26 How are diphthongs in English classified ?

27 Standard English.

28 Air Stream Mechanism and the organs of speech.

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)

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

29 Write an essay on the theories of origin of language.

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

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

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

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)