FIFTH SEMESTER B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2015

(UG—CCSS)

Core Course—English

EN 5B2/DMEN 5B2—LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS

(2009 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours   Maximum : 30 Weightage

I. Answer *all* the questions :—

A Choose the correct answer.

1 The word 'Infotainment' is an example for

     (a) Clipping.   (b) Compounding.

     (c) Blending.   (d) Acronym.

2 Which of the following is onomatopoeic ?

     (a) Buzz.   (b) Hiss.

     (c) Bang.   (d) All of these.

3 Who among the following is not a linguist

     (a) Saussure.   (b) Sapir.

     (c) Chomsky.   (d) Adorno.

4 What is the term for the study of meaning ?

     (a) Syntax.   (b) Semantics.

     (c) Phonology.   (d) None of these.

B Fill in the blanks.

5 _____ is an active articulator.

6 In the production of 11 , the _____ of the tongue is raised.

7 Cardinal vowel No I is _____

8 A sequence of words with a complete sense is a _____

C Answer in a word *or* phrase.

9 Give an example for acronym.

10 Give the unclipped form of 'flee'.

Turn over

11 How many segments are there in 'unfriendly'?

12 Transcribe 'bags'.

(12 x ¼ = 3 weightage)

II. Answer the *nine* questions in a sentence or two each

13 What is an allophone?

14 What is falling intonation?

15 Give a word as example for compounding.

16 What is back formation?

17 What is a phrase?

18 What is the structure of a complex sentence?

19 What is a competence?

20 What is progressive assimilation?

21 What are front vowels?

(9 x 1 = 9 weightage)

III. Answer any *five* in a paragraph each

22 The Bow-Vow theory.

23 Origin of writing.

24 Animal Communication.

25 Langue and Parole.

26 Synchronic and diachronic approach.

27 Triphthongs.

28 Sentence Patterns.

(5 x 2 = 10 weightage)

IV. Write an essay on any *two* of the following L

29 Describe briefly about the different branches of Linguistics.

30 Write an essay on the vowel sounds in English.

31 Give an account of the ways of word-formation in English language.

(2 x 4 = 8 weightage)