

**FIFTH SEMESTER B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2014**

(UG—CCSS)

Core Course—English

**EN 5B 2/DMEN 5B 1—LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS**

Time • Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

I. Answer the following bunches of questions

A. 1 The relationship between a word and its referent is generally

- (a) One to one relationship.                      (b) Arbitrary in nature.  
 (c) Of unchangeable nature.                      (d) None of the above.

\_\_\_\_\_ are the building blocks of a language.

- (a) Alphabet.    (b) Sentences.  
 (c) Phonemes.    (d) None of the above.

3 The totality of the speech habits of an individual is termed as

- (a) Idiolect.    (b) Dialect.  
 (c) Language.    (d) Sociolect.

4 \_\_\_\_\_ constitutes the basis of all speech sounds.

- (a) Airstream mechanism.                      (b) Vowels.  
 (c) Velaric contact.                                      (d) None of the above.

B. 5 /m/ is

- (a) An oral sound.                                      (b) Nasal sound.  
 (c) Glottal sound.                                      (d) Plosive sound.

6 Which of the following can be called minimal pair ?

- (a) Sit/Sat.    (b) Pit/Pat.  
 (c) Ship/Sheep.    (d) All these.

7 The study of meaning is called

- (a) Morphology.    (b) Grammar.  
 (c) Syntax.    (d) Semantics.

8 An example for a voiceless bilabial plosive is \_\_\_\_\_

**C. 9 Words which are pronounced alike but have different meanings are called**

- (a) Allophones. (b) Homophones.  
(c) Reduplicative, (d) None of these.

**10. When pidgin becomes the mother tongue of a community, it is called**

- (a) Dialect. (b) Register.  
(c) Style. (d) Creole.

**11 \_\_\_\_\_ is a clipped word.**

- (a) Brunch. (b) Breakfast.  
(c) Gym. (d) Radar.

**12 The word "underestimated" consists of \_\_\_\_\_ morphemes.**

- (a) Two. (b) Three.  
(c) Four. (d) Five.

(12 x  $\frac{1}{4}$  = 3 weightage)

**II. Answer each of the following questions in two *or* three sentences**

**13 Define the term 'Linguistics'.**

**14 What is bilingualism ?**

**15 What is the position of the vocal cords in the production of voiced sounds ?**

**16 Give example for a compound sentence.**

**17 What do you mean by 'language behaviour' ?**

**18 What is register ?**

**19 Which are the three branches of phonetics ?**

**20 What is a 'sign' ?**

**21 Give an example for a sentence in SVOC pattern.**

(9 x 1 = 9 weightage)

**III. Answer any *five* of the following questions in a *paragraph* of 100 words each**

**22 Competence and Performance.**

**23 Psycholinguistics.**

**24 The cardinal vowels.**

**25 Form class and function class.**

**26 Signifier and Signified.**

27 human articulatory system.

Transcribe Let me introduce myself. I am Abootty. I am a graduate in Philosophy. Presently

I am working in a book publishing company, My hobby is reading.

(5 x 2 = 10 weightage)

1 Answer two of the following questions in 300 words each

9 Describe the pure vowels of English

30 What is linguistics Briefly describe the mins Innis under it,

31 Write an essay on the various methods of word formation.

(2 weightage)