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FINAL YEAR M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2018

English

Optional Paper

Group (D) (1)—LINGUISTICS

(2000 Admissions)

[PVT/SDE]

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 100 Marks

I. Write an essay on *one* of the following topics :—

- 1 The nature and scope of Linguistics as the scientific study of language.
- 2 Differences between human languages and other forms of communication.
- 3 Hierarchy in linguistic structure.

(1 × 16 = 16 marks)

II. Write an essay on *one* of the following topics :—

- 4 *Speech and Writing as two distinct forms of human communication.*
- 5 *The Cardinal Vowels and their uses.*
- 6 *The human speech mechanism and the organs of speech.*

(1 × 16 = 16 marks)

III. Write an essay on *one* of the following topics :—

- 7 The merits and limitations of IC Analysis.
- 8 TG Grammar as an improvement over Structural Linguistics.
- 9 The major assumptions of Modern Linguistics and the contributions of Ferdinand de Saussure.

(1 × 16 = 16 marks)

IV. Write an essay on *one* of the following topics :—

- 10 The contributions of Panini to linguistics.
- 11 The nature of Bilingualism.
- 12 The role of Error Analysis in pedagogy.

(1 × 16 = 16 marks)

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V. Write short notes on any *four* of the following :

- 13 The role of Intonation in language.
- 14 Endocentric and Exocentric Constructions.
- 15 Contrastive Analysis.
- 16 Inflexion and Derivation.
- 17 Phonetic and Phonemic Transcriptions.
- 18 Diachronic and Synchronic approaches to the study of language.

(4 × 7 = 28 marks)

VI. Fill in the blanks appropriately :

- 19 _____ is a concrete sign that represents a relatively abstract idea or meaning.
- 20 Phoneme can be defined as _____.
- 21 The unconscious knowledge of a native speaker, which enables him to produce and understand an infinite set of sentences in his language, is referred to as _____.
- 22 An example of a regional dialect is _____.
- 23 A Morphemic Word can be defined as a _____.
- 24 _____ is known as the father of Modern Linguistics.
- 25 For the Structuralists, the object of linguistic enquiry was the _____.
- 26 The concrete realization of the native speaker's innate, unconscious knowledge is termed _____.

(8 × 1 = 8 marks)