

FOURTH SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, MARCH 2020

(CUCSS)

English

EN4E24—LINGUISTICS

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 36 Weightage

I. Answer *all* the following questions in a word, phrase or sentence. Each question carries $\frac{1}{2}$ weightage :

- 1 Diachronic approach to the study of Language.
- 2 Define Phonology.
- 3 Write a well-known example of a Pidgin.
- 4 Who is the proponent of Systemic Grammar ?
- 5 The study of the symbols/conventions used in representing speech in writing is _____.
- 6 "Flying planes can be dangerous" is an example of _____ ambiguity.
- 7 A multi-lingual person switching from one language to another in conversation is known as _____.
- 8 The basic units of semantic analysis are _____, _____ and _____.

(8 × $\frac{1}{2}$ = 4 weightage)

II. Write a paragraph of about 150 words each on any six of the following. Each question carries 2 weightage :

- 9 Analyse the relationship between Language and Linguistics.
- 10 Differentiate between Divergence and Convergence.
- 11 What is Stylistics ?
- 12 Contributions of Noam Chomsky.
- 13 What is Elision ?
- 14 Explain the three types of Ambiguity.
- 15 What is Tagmemics ?
- 16 Explain Polysemy and Antonymy.

17 Latinate Fallacy.

18 What is Case Grammar ?

(6 × 2 = 12 weightage)

III. Write essays of about 450 words each on any *four* of the following, choosing one from each section carries 5 weightage :

Section A

19 How human language differs from other systems of communication ?

20. What is the role of Suprasegmental features in the communication through English language ?

21 What is the role of transcription in English language ? Explain the method and process.

Section B

22 What is Behaviourist and Cognitive analysis ?

23 Role-of Semantics in Linguistics.

24 Analyse the basic concepts of Sociolinguistics.

Section C

25 Examine the contributions of Ferdinand de Saussure to Linguistics.

26 Briefly explain Structural Grammar.

27 What is IC Analysis ? What are its advantages and limitations ?

Section D

28 Briefly explain the various Syntactic theories.

29 What are the basic features of the American School and London School of Linguistics ?

30 The Geneva School and Prague School of Linguistics.

(4 × 5 = 20 weightage)