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Fourth Semester

English

Elective – HISTORY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND
LINGUISTICS

(For those who joined in July 2016 only)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. When was Jacob Grinn born?
(a) 4 Jan 1785 (b) 15 May 1782
(c) 8 Aug 1779 (d) 10 October 1775
2. In old English, pronunciation of vowel and consonant sounds is very _____.
(a) Close (b) Similar
(c) Different (d) All the above

3. Standard English is the _____ that is spoken by the majority of educated people.
- (a) Bad English (b) Good English
- (c) Old English (d) Middle English
4. Prof. H.C. Wyld called standard English as _____.
- (a) Old English (b) Modern English
- (c) Modified English (d) Specified English
5. _____ is a tool of communication used in human communities.
- (a) Language (b) English
- (c) Literature (d) Science
6. Karl Verner is an _____ philosopher.
- (a) German (b) Danish
- (c) Dutch (d) American
7. f and z are examples of _____.
- (a) Bilabial (b) Sibilant
- (c) Dental (d) Alveolar

8. Which of the following is a voiceless sound component?
- (a) b (b) d
(c) c (d) g
9. According to the place of articulation, Which of these is not a type of consonant?
- (a) Bilabial (b) Dental
(c) Labio-dental (d) Public
10. Which of the following vowels is an example of back vowel?
- (a) i (b) e:
(c) u (d) a

PART B — ($5 \times 5 = 25$ marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Describe the characteristics of Global English.

Or

- (b) Write a short note on Grimm's law.

12. (a) Examine the influence of Greek on the English language.

Or

- (b) Describe the influence of Latin language on English.

13. (a) Trace the history of modern linguistics.

Or

- (b) State the different branches of linguistics.

14. (a) Examine the major flaws of IC analysis.

Or

- (b) Bring out the three kinds of rules in TG Grammar.

15. (a) Explain the basic on which consonants are classified.

Or

- (b) Transcribe the following words

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| (i) Ball | (ii) Car |
| (iii) Think | (iv) Cat |
| (v) Call | |

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Discuss the place of English in Indo - European family of language.

Or

- (b) Give an account of Middle English.

17. (a) Comment on the contribution of French to the growth of the English language.

Or

- (b) Discuss the evolution of the Scandinavian English.

18. (a) Write an essay on Linguistics.

Or

- (b) Discuss Linguistics as a branch of science.

19. (a) Write an essay on IC analysis with examples.

Or

(b) Discuss the salient features of TG Grammar.

20. (a) Describe vowels with examples.

Or

(b) Write an essay on stress and intonation.
