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Third Semester

English

Elective — HISTORY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND  
LINGUISTICS

(For those who joined in July 2017 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. Verner's law describes a historical sound stage related to \_\_\_\_\_
  - (a) Phonemes
  - (b) Fricatives
  - (c) Morphemes
  - (d) Allophones

2. The study of the physical transmission of speech sounds from the speaker to the listener is ————
- (a) Articulatory phonetics
  - (b) Acoustic phonetics
  - (c) Auditory phonetics
  - (d) Received pronunciation
3. Romany, the language of the Rom people or gypsies, is mostly closely related to which of these modern language
- (a) Russian                      (b) Yiddish
  - (c) Punjabi                      (d) Romanian
4. The oldest and crudest method of word – formation is ———— word.
- (a) Imitation                      (b) Back formation
  - (c) Telescoping                      (d) Corrupting
5. ———— formulated his law to explain the great consonant shift.
- (a) Rask                      (b) Verner
  - (c) Jacob                      (d) Jacob Grimm

6. The word 'Standard' which is from old French means \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) Branded                      (b) Estandard  
(c) Stand                        (d) Estand
7. Accent means \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) Style                        (b) Stress  
(c) Intonation                (d) Elison
8. How many are the pure vowel sound?
- (a) 11                            (b) 12  
(c) 13                            (d) 14
9. The PS grammar owes much to \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) Chomsky's works  
(b) Syntactic structure  
(c) Linguistic structure  
(d) Logical structure
10. \_\_\_\_\_ intonation is commonly found in commands.
- (a) Rising                      (b) Falling  
(c) Rise-fall                    (d) Fall-rise

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Discuss the general features of modern English.

Or

- (b) Give a short account of the naming process of Indo-European family of language.

12. (a) How do you classified the Latin words in English? Explain with examples.

Or

- (b) Give a short note on the grammatical changes.

13. (a) Evaluate briefly the history of modern linguistics.

Or

- (b) Bring on the elements of deep structure.

14. (a) Describe the emergence of modern linguistics.

Or

- (b) Define the basic features of transformational generative grammar.

15. (a) Describe the three kinds of rules in generative transformational grammar.

Or

- (b) Explain the closing and centering diphthongs with examples.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Elaborate on the most ancient language of Indo – European language family.

Or

- (b) Bring out the state and explain from mutation.

17. (a) Examine the important ways in which new words are formed in English.

Or

- (b) Discuss the notion of Grammar and Grammar.

18. (a) Describe the assumption of modern linguistics.

Or

- (b) Classification of English consonants according to the place of articulation.

19. (a) Why is transformational generative grammar so called?

Or

- (b) Define a semi-vowel and discuss the chief features of semi-vowels in English.

20. (a) Describe the organs of speech with a diagram.

Or

- (b) Write an essay on Chomsky's theory of transformational generative grammar.

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