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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 answers :

1. Phonology is the study of —————
(a) Sounds (b) Letters
(c) Morphemes (d) Syntax
2. ————— is an important organ of speech.
(a) Hand (b) Tongue
(c) Finger (d) Chin

3. English is a member of the language family known as Germanic language. What is the closest linguistic relative to modern English?
- (a) Frisian (b) Danish
(c) Dutch (d) German
4. Which of the Indo-European languages below is still being learned as a native language in the 21st Century
- (a) Latin (b) Greek
(c) Welsh (d) Gothic
5. During the old English period, who invaded Britannia (Great Britain)
- (a) All the these
(b) The Danes/Scandinavians
(c) The angles and the Saxons
(d) The Jutes
6. Who the served as the archbishop of Canterbury during the middle English period?
- (a) St. Jerome (b) Venerable Bede
(c) St. Thomas Becket (d) St. Augustine

7. The greatest proportion of French words came into English between _____
- (a) 900 and 1250 (b) 1250 and 1400
- (c) 1400 and 1600 (d) 1600 and 1800
8. _____ Structuralism was based on the behaviourist theory in psychology.
- (a) Bloomfield's (b) Corpus
- (c) Mentalistic (d) Behaviour
9. The term _____ is used to describe the movement and changes.
- (a) Accent (b) Transformation
- (c) Stress (d) Intonation
10. The _____ phonemes in English are produced by egressive pulmonic air stream mechanism.
- (a) 24 consonantal
- (b) 12 consonantal
- (c) 8 consonantal
- (d) 20 consonantal

PART B — ($5 \times 5 = 25$ marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Explain the three parts of Grimm's law.

Or

- (b) Describe the main branches of the Indo-European family.

12. (a) Comment on the Scandinavian influences on English.

Or

- (b) Write briefly on the contribution of French to English.

13. (a) Evaluate Chosky's contribution to linguistics.

Or

- (b) Examine the branches of linguistics.

14. (a) Give a short note on advantages and disadvantages of IC analysis.

Or

- (b) Describe the difference between descriptive grammar and prescriptive grammar.

15. (a) Transcribe the following words phonemically
(i) church (ii) then (iii) mouse (iv) where
(v) pleasure.

Or

- (b) Bring out the intonation patterns.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Write an essay on the Indo-European language family tracing the development of the English language.

Or

- (b) Examine the paradigm shift caused by the laws of Grimm and Verner.

17. (a) Evaluate the influence of Latin on English.

Or

- (b) Define phonology and morphology and explain their role in the study of words.

18. (a) Comment on linguistic levels and mention the various linguistic level.

Or

- (b) Describe the major concepts in modern linguistics.

19. (a) Bring out the IC analysis.

Or

(b) Explain the different theories of semantics.

20. (a) How are consonant's classified.

Or

(b) Write an essay on illustrate the contribution of bible translators to the growth of English.
