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III Semester B.A. Degree (CCSS – 2014 Admn. – Regular) Examination, November 2015
CORE COURSE IN ENGLISH
3B03 ENG : Linguistics

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 40

I. Answer **one** of the following in about **two hundred** words :

1) Briefly discuss the main branches of linguistics namely socio linguistics, psycho linguistics and anthropological linguistics.

2) What are the main characteristics of language ? How does it differ from animal communication ?

(1×8=8)

II. Answer **one** of the following in about **two hundred** words :

3) How are English vowels classified into pure vowels, diphthongs and triphthongs ?

4) Briefly describe the articulators involved in the production of speech sounds and their classification based on the place of articulation.

(1×8=8)

III. Answer **any two** of the following in about **80** words **each** :

5) The classification of morphemes.

6) Discuss the formation of words through clippings, acronyms, blends and borrowings.

7) Allomorphs.

(2×4=8)

IV. 8) Transcribe the following passage marking the stress :

Tom : Excuse me. Is there a supermarket near here ?

Sam : Yes, there's one near here.

Tom : How do I get there ?

Sam : At the traffic lights, take the first left and go straight on. It's on the left.

(1×2=2)

V. Answer the following questions in **a** sentence or **two** :

9) Define a fricative sound with an example.

10) What are dialects ?

11) What are cardinal vowels ?

12) Explain the term assimilation.

13) What are auxiliary verbs ? Give examples.

14) Distinguish between form words and content words.

15) What is pidgin and how may it be distinguished from a creole ?

16) Which are the nasal sounds in English ?

17) Explain the acronym IPA.

18) Define transformational grammar.

19) Distinguish between langue and parole.

20) Name the famous linguist who differentiated between deep and surface structures.

21) What is a minimal pair ? Give two examples.

22) Name the famous phonetician who devised the system of cardinal vowels in the English language.

(14×1=14)

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