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**Fifth Semester B.A. Degree Examination, December 2022**

**First Degree Programme Under CBCSS**

**English Language & Literature**

**Core Course IX**

**EN 1544 : LINGUISTICS AND STRUCTURE OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**(2020 Admission)**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

I. Answer **all** the questions in one or two sentences :

1. Define phonetics.
2. What is semantics?
3. Give a three term label for the letter 'm' in the English word man.
4. Give the strong and weak forms of the word 'and'.
5. Write the phonemes representing the letter 'o' in the words 'boat' and 'bom'.
6. Give two examples each of di-syllabic and polysyllabic words.
7. What is an idiolect?
8. Who is known as the father of linguistics in India?

9. Give an example of a phrasal verb and use it in a sentence.

10. Which are the nasal sounds in the English language?

**(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)**

II. Answer any **eight**, each in a paragraph, not exceeding **50** words.

11. The Pooh-Pooh Theory.

12. Elision.

13. What are the differences between British and American English.

14. Langue and parole.

15. Signifier and signified.

16. Strong and weak forms in pronunciation.

17. How are consonants classified?

18. Function class words.

19. Bound morpheme.

20. Derivational affixes.

21. Fricatives.

22. Allophones.

23. Received Pronunciation.

24. Semiotics.

25. Pidgin and Creole.

26. Stricture.

**(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)**

III. Answer any **six**, each in a paragraph, not exceeding **120** words.

27. What are the contributions of Saussure to the study of language?

28. Morphemes.

29. Cardinal Vowels.

30. Sphota Theory.

31. Synchronic and Diachronic linguistics.

32. Intonation.

33. Competence and Performance.

34. Allophonic variants of /r/.

35. What are the speech organs involved in the articulatory system?

36. Word Stress.

37. Grammaticality and acceptability.

38. Transcribe the following words and mark syllable division and stress :

(a) elaborate

(b) ascetic

(c) international

(d) pandemic

(e) editorial

(f) Herbivorous

(g) measure

(h) bilingual

**(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)**

IV. Answer any **two**, each in **300** words.

39. Discuss how traditional grammar differs from structural grammar.

40. Discuss the Word classes in English.

41. Briefly discuss the classification Vowels and Diphthongs in the English Language.
42. Explain the concept of syllables and consonant clusters in English.
43. Give a brief account of the major contributions of linguists in ancient India.
44. Transcribe the following passage phonemically and mark the stress :

A lion was once sleeping in the jungle when a mouse started running up and down his body just for fun. This disturbed the lion's sleep, and he woke up quite angry. He was about to eat the mouse when the mouse desperately requested the lion to set him free. "I promise you, I will be of great help to you someday if you save me." The lion laughed at the mouse's confidence and let him go. One day, a few hunters came into the forest and took the lion with them. The mouse noticed that the lion was in trouble. Quickly, he ran and gnawed on the ropes of the net and set the lion free.

**(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)**