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ENGLISH

(Code : MEG05)

Language and Linguistics

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

1. Answer any *five* of the following questions (each in around *50* words) : 2×5=10

(a) What is 'blending'? Give two examples of 'blending'.

(b) What is the historical context of the borrowings of French words into English? Name some fields in which some words of French origin were loaned to English.

(c) What are the synchronic and diachronic approaches to language?

(d) Give examples of formal, semiformal and informal styles.

(e) What are the two categories of vowels and their respective numbers? Give a few examples of each of them.

(f) What is a lexical word and what is a grammatical word? Give an example of each of them.

2. Answer any *three* of the following questions (each in around *150* words) : 4×3=12

(a) Write short notes on *(i)* hyponymy and *(ii)* antonymy. 2+2=4

(b) Explain with examples any four processes of word formation. 4

(c) What are syntagmatic and paradigmatic relationships? Explain with suitable examples. 4

(d) Write briefly about the English language in the Middle English period. Name the important changes that took place in different aspects of the language during this period. 2+2=4

3. Answer any *three* of the following questions (each in around *250* words) : 6×3=18

(a) Write briefly on the grammatical changes that took place in English from the Old English period till the modern age. 6

(b) What are the three main branches under which phonetics can be studied? Briefly explain each of them. 6

(c) Write short notes on any *two* of the following : 3×2=6

(i) Kernel sentences

(ii) Elements of a noun phrase

(iii) Compound words

(d) Write briefly about derivational affixes and give five examples of class-changing derivational affixes. 3+3=6

4. Answer any *four* of the following questions (each in around *500* words) : 10×4=40

(a) What are ethno-linguistics and socio-linguistics? When do the two overlap? 8+2=10

(b) Write briefly about any *two* of the following : 5×2=10

(i) Word stress

(ii) Intonation

(iii) Diphthongs

(c) What is inflectional morphology? Discuss the different ways by which inflectional morphemes operate in different class words. 2+8=10

(d) What is meant by immediate constituent analysis (IC Analysis) of a sentence structure? What are the steps for breaking up the constituents into ultimate constituents? Name the different models of IC Analysis according to the functions of the constituents. 3+3+4=10

(e) Write a note on 'borrowings' or 'loan words' into English of the foreign languages with particular reference to *(i)* Latin, *(ii)* Greek and *(iii)* Scandinavian borrowings. 10

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