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( Major )

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**( Linguistics and Phonetics )**

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Pass Marks : 32/24

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks  
for the questions*

**UNIT—I**

1. Choose the correct option (any three) : 1×3=3

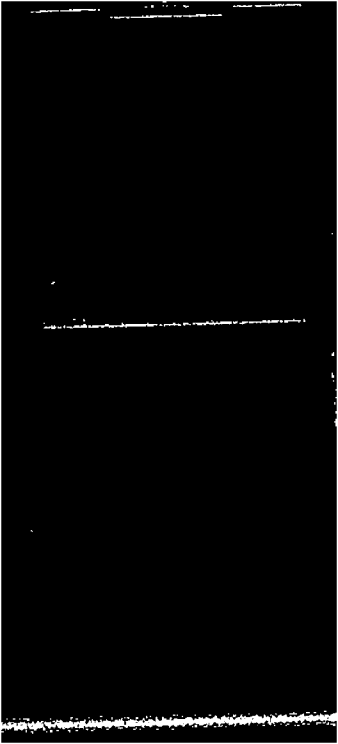
(a) The author of *Course in General Linguistics* is

(i) Saussure

(ii) Chomsky

(iii) Sapir

(iv) Pinker



2. Answer any *one* of the following : 12

- (a) In what ways is language useful for mankind? Explain.
- (b) Write a note on some diachronic variations in English language.
- (c) Enumerate the social and linguistic causes of language change.

3. Answer any *three* of the following : 5×3=15

- (a) Discuss briefly language as a 'system of systems'.
- (b) Discuss briefly Noam Chomsky's concept of competence and performance.
- (c) Distinguish between human language and animal communication.
- (d) Point out at least five differences between the spoken language and the written language.
- (e) Write a short note on your understanding of dialect and idiolect.

UNIT—II

4. Choose the correct option (any *three*) :  $1 \times 3 = 3$

(a) "My grandfather walks extremely slowly."

The adverb 'extremely' modifies

(i) verb

(ii) adjective

(iii) adverb

(iv) noun

(b) "Give him an ornament to polish."

'To polish' is an example of an infinitive as

(i) noun

(ii) adverb

(iii) adjective

(iv) None of the above

(c) A verb that does not take a direct object is called \_\_\_\_\_ verb.

(i) transitive

(ii) weak

(iii) finite

(iv) intransitive

(d) Identify the given sentence :

'Oh my God ! That is stunning!'

(i) Imperative

(ii) Declarative

(iii) Exclamatory

(iv) Interrogative

5. Answer any *one* of the following : 11

(a) Define adjective. Enumerate with suitable examples the various uses of adjectives. 3+8=11

(b) What is a clause? Discuss with examples the different types of clauses. 3+8=11

(c) Write a note on the common sentence patterns in English. Illustrate your answer with appropriate examples. 11

6. Write on/Answer (any *four*) the following : 4×4=16

(a) Participial phrase

(b) Uses of adverbs

(c) Auxiliary verb

(d) Mention at least five rules of subject-verb agreement in English grammar.

(e) Noun modifiers

UNIT—III

7. Choose the correct option (any two) :  $1 \times 2 = 2$

(a) The wind pipe is called as

(i) trachea

(ii) larynx

(iii) uvula

(iv) pharynx

(b) \_\_\_\_\_ is an example of glottal sound.

(i) /p/

(ii) /t/

(iii) /r/

(iv) /h/

(c) The 't' sounds in the words 'hit', 'tip' and 'little' and the 'k' sounds in 'keel' and 'calm' are

(i) allophones

(ii) morphemes

(iii) phonemes

(iv) diaphones

8. Answer any *one* of the following : 10

- (a) Discuss some features of Indian Spoken English that distinguish it from R. P. English.
- (b) Demonstrate with illustrations, how diphthongs are produced in English.
- (c) Analyse the various kinds of Fricatives in English.

9. Answer any *two* of the following : 4×2=8

- (a) Write a brief note on the larynx and its role in the production of speech sounds.
- (b) Present a short note on the semi-vowels.
- (c) Prepare a brief note on the usefulness of the International Phonetic Alphabet.

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