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# Third Semester Examination, Dec. - 2017 M.A. ENGLISH Paper - V LINGUISTICS - I

Time: 3 Hrs. Max.Marks: 80

Note :Section 'A', consists of 10 very short answer type questions, all of which are compulsory and should be attempted first. Section 'B' consists of four short answer type questions with internal options. Section 'C' consists of four long answer type questions with internal choice.

## Section-'A'

## Answer the following very short-answer-type questions in one or two sentences. (2x10=20)

- Q-1. What do you understand by the expression 'Language is creative'?
- Q-2. Why is Linguistics considered a science?
- Q-3. What are the three levels of linguistics recommended by Robert Hall?
- Q-4. Name at least four branches of Linguistics that have developed around its core branches.
- Q-5. Define Psycholinguistics.
- Q-6. Enumerate the criteria according to which varieties of English can be classified.
- Q-7. Define a morph.
- Q-8. What do you understand by Phrase Structure Grammar?

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Q-9. Distinguish between 'construction' and 'constituent'.

Q-10. Name two models of IC analysis.

### Section-'B'

Answer the following short-answer-type questions with word limit 200-250. (5x4=20)

Q-1. Choose any one definition of language given by a famous linguist and explain it fully.

OR

Discuss what is Linguistics?

Q-2. Write a note on the scope of Linguistics.

OR

Explain stylistics.

Q-3. Write briefly on language acquisition.

OR

Discuss speech and writing as manifestations of language.

Q-4. Write a note on Morphology.

OR

Analyse the following structure into immediate constituents and draw a tree diagram for each of them:

- a) I got a book for my father.
- b) The man who lives near my house is a famous scientist.

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### Section-'C'

Answer the following long-answer-type questions with word limit 400-450. (10x4=40)

Q-1. Language may be defined as a "system of arbitrary vocal symbols by which thought is conveyed form one human being to another." Comment briefly on each of the elements of the definition: system, arbitrary, vocal, symbol and vehicle of thought.

OR

Explain the dichotomy between synchrony and Diachrony.

Q-2. Explain the concept of 'langue' and 'parole' as distinguished by Saussure.

OR

Discuss about various branches of Linguistics.

Q-3. What is an isogloss? How are isoglosses useful in determining dialect boundaries?

OR

Distinguish between empirical and rationalistic approaches to language acquisition.

Q-4. Allomorphs are the variants of a morpheme. Explain with examples.

OR

Explain the Phrase Structure rules of constituent analysis with examples.