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Paper Code: MAEN202DST, Paper Title: **Introduction to Linguistics**

Time: 3 hours

Total Marks: 70

Part –A

I. Choose the correct answer- a), b), c) or d).

10 x 1 =10

1.breaks down ‘*meaning*’ into seven types. []
a) Daniel Jones b) Geoffrey Leech c) Halliday d) I working
2. ‘*Bread and butter*’ istype of meaning. []
a) Reflected b) Thematic c) Stylistic d) Collocative
3. The minimal unit of *code-based* meaning is called..... []
a) sememe b) pragmememe c) syntactic d)lexical
4. The minimal unit of *coder-based* meaning is called..... []
a) sememe b) lexical c) syntactic d) pragmememe
5. *Syntactics, semantics* and *pragmatics* constitute the trinity of..... []
a) Linguistics b) Stylistics c) Semantics d) Semiotics
6. What is the associative meaning of ‘*Mouse*’..... []
a) a small person b) a timid person c) a treacherous person d) a person of little value
7. ‘*Content or lexical*’ words are in connected speech. []
a) not stressed b) forced c) stressed d) highlighted
8. If the word ends with a sibilant then the plural marker ‘*s*’ is pronounced. []
a) /S/ b) /IS/ c) /IZ/ d) / Z/
9. If a verb ends in either /*t/* or /*d/* then –‘*ed*’ is pronounced. []
a) / t/ b) / Id/ c) / d/ d) / ed/
10. ‘*Semiotics*’ is the study of []
a) sign-systems b) significance system c) symbol system d) signature system

Part-B (Short Answer)

II. Answer any Five (5) of the following questions (200 Words)

5 x 6 =30

2. State and explain the main branches of Linguistics.
3. Write a short note on BBC English/RP.
4. Discuss elements of meaning with suitable examples.
5. Write a note on langue and Parole
6. Draw tree diagram for the Noun Phrase (NP) given below.

The three intelligent participants of the MA Course

7. Explain plural markers and past tense markers with relevant examples
8. Draw tree diagram for the sentence given below.
He writes to her every week.
9. What is Ambiguity? Why is ambiguity inherent in Language?

Part-C (Essays)

III. Answer any Three (3) of the following questions (500 Words)

3 x 10 =30

10. Write an essay on the origin and development of linguistics.
11. Write an essay on elements of pragmatics.
12. Discuss the importance of weak forms and strong forms in spoken English.
13. State and explain sources of meaning in semantics.
14. Discuss standard and non-standard varieties of English with suitable examples.
