

MAULANA AZAD NATIONAL URDU UNIVERSITY
Master of Arts English
II SEMESTER EXAMINATION (May 2018)
Paper : (MAEN202DST) Introduction to Linguistics

Time: 3 hours

Max. Marks 70 marks

Note : This question paper consists of three parts : Part – A, Part-B and Part-C. Number of words to answers each question is only indicative. Attempt all parts.

Part-A contains 10 compulsory questions of multiple choice/ fill in the blank/very short answer type question. Answer all questions. Each question carries 1 mark. (10x1=10-marks)

Part-B contains 08 questions of which students are supposed to answer 05 questions. Answer each question in approximately 200 words. Each question carries 06 marks. (5x6=30 marks)

Part-C contains 05 questions of which students are supposed to answer 03 questions. Answer each question in approximately 500 words. Each question carries 10 marks. (3x10=30 marks)

Part-A

Question : 1:

- (i) When the singular form of a word ends in a voiceless consonant, the plural is formed by adding _____
(a) /ɪz/ (b) /z/ (c) /s/ (d) /eɪz/
- (ii) There are _____ diphthongs in English.
(a) 10 (b) 24 (c) 12 (d) 8
- (iii) A word with multiple meanings is an example of _____
(a) Polysemy (b) Hyponymy (c) Synonymy (d) Ambiguity
- (iv) The role of _____ in the process of meaning making is studied under pragmatics.
(a) text (b) co-text (c) context (d) grammar
- (v) 'Received Pronunciation' is an example of _____
(a) idiolect (b) language (c) register (d) dialect
- (vi) The pronunciation of *have* in 'You *have* done that' is _____
(a) /həv/ (b) /v/ (c) /əv/ (d) /hæv/
- (vii) "The study of articulation, transmission and reception of speech sound" is called _____
(a) Linguistics (b) Morphology (c) Phonetics (d) Syntax
- (viii) The correct pronunciation of the word 'Worked' is _____
(a) /wɜ:kɪd/ (b) /wɜ:kɪd/ (c) /wɜ:kt/ (d) /wɜ:kt/

- (ix) One sentence _____ another when it implies an earlier meaning which is known.
(a) entails (b) summarizes (c) presupposes (d) clefts
- (x) A dialect used by the members of a particular speech community is called_____
(a) Sociolect (b) Esperanto (c) Idiolect (d) Style

PART-B

2. “Linguistics is autonomous”. Comment
3. What is meant by the terms ‘speech community’ and ‘social dialect’? Differentiate between the two.
4. Define any three of the following.
a. Creole b. Anaphora c. Register d. Idiolect
5. Explain in detail the difference between ‘Accent’ and ‘Dialect’.
6. What do you understand by diachronic and synchronic approach?
7. Write short notes on –
a. Maxim of Quality b. Maxim of Quantity c. Maxim of Manner
8. What do you understand by ‘Clefting’? Explain giving examples.
9. What is a Noun Phrase? What are its important constituents?

PART-C

10. Explain how flouting of conversational maxims can lead to distortion of meaning.
11. Explain the Saussurean concept of ‘Langue’ and ‘Parole’.
12. Define ‘Meaning’. Discuss in detail the different types of meaning.
13. What is meant by ‘Accent Neutralization’? Explain
14. Distinguish between the human language and animal system of communication.
