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Programme: MA

Semester: First

MAEN102CCT: The Structure of Modern English

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 70

Note: This question paper consists of three parts: Part-A, Part-B, Part-C. Number of words to answer 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. (05x6= 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. (03x10= 30 marks)

Part – A

1. Choose the correct option to answer the following.

- i. Language is a system of communication unique to humans in part because it is_____.
 - a. genetically based
 - b. verbal
 - c. symbolic
 - d. complex
- ii. A minimal unit of sound that differentiates meaning in a particular language is a_____.
 - a. Phoneme
 - b. Syllable
 - c. Morpheme
 - d. vowel
- iii. The units of meaning that make up a word are known as_____.
 - a. Morphemes
 - b. Components
 - c. Words
 - d. phonemes
- iv. The study of human speech sounds in a language that form systematized patterns is called_____.
 - a. Phonology
 - b. Phonetics and Phonology
 - c. Articulators
 - d. Phonetics
- v. Choose the best description for the first sound in the pronunciation of the word 'teeth.'
 - a. Velar
 - b. Labiodental
 - c. Alveolar
 - d. Alveolopalatal
- vi. Which one of the following words that violates the phonological rules of English language?
 - a. Mblath
 - b. Stroke
 - c. Gnome
 - d. brish
- vii. _____are the abstractions of speech unit which differ one meaning from another.
 - a. Segments
 - b. Morphemes
 - c. Orthography
 - d. Phonemes

- viii. Orthography is _____.
- The pronunciation of a word that represents the alphabetic spelling.
 - The alphabetic spelling of words that represents the way they are pronounced
 - The production of any speech
 - The study of the phonetic symbols
- ix. The distinction between active and passive sentences is a difference in _____.
- deep structure
 - deep and surface structure
 - phrase structure rules
 - surface structure
- x. Deep structure represents a sentence's most basic units of _____.
- words
 - sounds
 - meaning
 - letters

Part – B

- Describe all the voiceless sounds using three-term label.
- Explain the concept of free and bound morphemes with examples.
- What is the difference between traditional and modern grammar?
- Write short notes on any two of the following –
 - Phoneme
 - Morpheme
 - Nasals
- Distinguish between 'Allophones' and 'Allomorphs'.
- What do you understand by intonation? Explain giving examples.
- What is structural ambiguity?
- Provide tree-diagram for the following sentences
 - Ghosh has been playing football since morning.
 - These women have been singing nicely.
 - After winning the match the boys went for a movie

Part – C

- Discuss some of the problems faced during studying phonetics.
- Discuss with examples various processes of word formation.
- Explain in detail the difference between inflectional and derivational morphology. Substantiate your answer with suitable examples.
- Explain in detail (with example) the concept of Deep and Surface structures of a sentence.
- Phonetically transcribe the following words –

i. Movement	v. Christmas	ix. Reservoir
ii. Pronunciation	vi. Measurement	x. Physician
iii. Examination	vii. Billiards	
iv. Pizza	viii. Grand-prix	
