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Programme: MA

Semester: First

Title and Paper Code: The Structure of Modern English (MAEN102CCT)

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. Phonetics is usually divided into _____ branches.
 - a. two
 - b. three
 - c. four
 - d. five
- ii. In articulatory terms, _____ are produced with relatively little constriction; that is an open configuration of the vocal tract.
 - a. vowels
 - b. consonants
 - c. semi-vowels
 - d. IPA
- iii. _____ sounds are produced by touching the upper teeth to the lower lip.
 - a. Dental
 - b. Bilabial
 - c. Labiodental
 - d. Alveolar
- iv. /tʃ/ and /dʒ/ are examples of _____.
 - a. stops
 - b. plosives
 - c. fricatives
 - d. affricates
- v. A set of phonetic vowels used as reference points which do not relate to any specific language are called _____.
 - a. Central vowels
 - b. Cardinal vowels
 - c. Close vowels
 - d. Open vowels
- vi. In English language inflectional morphemes can be _____.
 - a. Prefixes, suffixes and infixes
 - b. Prefixes and suffixes
 - c. Prefixes only
 - d. Suffixes only
- vii. Deep structure represents a sentence's most basic units of _____.
 - a. words
 - b. sounds
 - c. meaning
 - d. letters
- viii. In the word 'measure', which is the third sound?
 - a. /dʒ/
 - b. /z/
 - c. /z/
 - d. /ə/

- ix. Which of the following is an example of 'Blend'?
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| a. Telecast | c. X-ray |
| b. Tycoon | d. Murmur |
- x. If you pronounced the word "yesterday" in a rising tone, you are most likely_____
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| a. making a statement | c. answering a question |
| b. asking a question | d. expressing a preposition |

Part – B

2. Differentiate between inflectional and derivational morphemes.
3. Write short notes on any two of the following –

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| i. Affricates | iii. Egressive sound system |
| ii. Borrowing | iv. Vocal cords |
4. Differentiate between *stress timed rhythm* and *syllable timed rhythm*.
5. Attempt morphological analysis of the following words

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| i. Destabilization | iii. Zoological-garden |
| ii. Enlightenment | iv. Unknowingly |
6. Write a note on the functions of intonation.
7. Provide tree-diagram for the following sentences -
 - i. Dhoni has been playing cricket for a decade.
 - ii. Boys and girls may join the party on Sunday.
 - iii. The man on the bridge jumped into the river.
8. Write a note on different allomorphs of the plural morpheme and the past morpheme in English.
9. Write short notes on –

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| i. Respiratory system | ii. Phonatory system |
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Part – C

10. Explain the concept of 'Deep Structure' and 'Surface Structure' giving suitable examples.
11. What do you mean by the term ambiguity? Explain the different types of ambiguities.
12. What do you understand by the term "three term label"? Explain in detail.
13. Explain giving examples the process of arriving at the Non-Kernel sentence from the Kernel sentence.
14. Phonetically transcribe the following words –

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| i. Maximum | v. Century | ix. Secularism |
| ii. English | vi. Potential | x. Engineer |
| iii. Watched | vii. Psychology | |
| iv. Burger | viii. Partition | |
