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Paper Code: MAEN102CCT Paper Title: - The Structure of Modern English

Time: 3 Hours

Total Marks: 70

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

1.
 - 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. Which branch of linguistics is concerned with the physical properties of speech sounds and their production?
 - a. Morphology
 - b. Phonetics
 - c. Semantics
 - d. Syntax
 - iii. When one sound is given by two consonants, it is called____
 - a. vowel sound
 - b. consonant sound
 - c. single sound
 - d. consonant cluster
 - iv. What linguistic feature involves the emphasis or prominence placed on certain syllables within words?
 - a. Rhythm
 - b. Intonation
 - c. Stress
 - d. Pitch
 - v. What term describes the smallest unit of meaning in a language, such as the "-ed" in "walked"?
 - a. Phoneme
 - b. Morpheme
 - c. Allomorph
 - d. Lexeme
 - vi. Which type of morpheme can stand alone as a meaningful word?
 - a. Free Morpheme
 - b. Bound Morpheme
 - c. Inflectional Morpheme
 - d. Allomorph
 - vii. What type of morpheme conveys the core meaning of a word and can often stand alone?
 - a. Lexical Morpheme
 - b. Inflectional Morpheme
 - c. Allomorph
 - d. Derivational Morpheme
 - viii. What graphical representation is commonly used to illustrate the hierarchical structure of a sentence?
 - a. Flowchart
 - b. Mind Map
 - c. Tree Diagram
 - d. Pie Chart
 - ix. Deep structure represents a sentence's most basic units of _____.
 - a. words
 - b. sounds
 - c. meaning
 - d. letters
 - x. What term refers to a sentence that has more than one possible interpretation due to its structure?
 - a. Syntactic Ambiguity
 - b. Lexical Ambiguity
 - c. Structural Ambiguity
 - d. Semantic Ambiguity

Part-B

2. What is the primary focus of articulatory phonetics, and how does it differ from acoustic phonetics in the study of speech sounds?
3. Describe the importance of minimal pairs in the field of phonology.
4. Explain the concept of free and bound morphemes
5. What is the difference between traditional and modern grammar?
6. Discuss with examples various processes of word formation.
7. What is structural ambiguity?
8. Write short notes on any two of the following –
 - a. Allophones
 - b. Diphthongs
 - c. Allomorphs
9. Phonetically transcribe the following words
 - i. Pronunciation
 - ii. Examination
 - iii Christmas
 - iv. Nation
 - v. Print

Part-C

10. How does stress contribute to the rhythm of spoken English, and what role does intonation play in conveying meaning and expression?
11. Describe the role of intonation in indicating sentence types (declarative, interrogative, etc.) and conveying speaker attitudes or emotions.
12. Distinguish between Inflectional and Derivational morphology.
13. Describe all the vowels of RP.
14. Draw a simple tree diagram for the sentence "The cat chased the mouse," highlighting the syntactic structure of the sentence.