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Programme: B.A. Linguistics

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Course Title: **Introduction to Linguistics and Language Sciences**

Course Code: **BNLT101DCT**

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=10marks)**

**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=30marks)**

**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=30marks)**

## Part-A

**1. Attempt all. Each one carries one mark.**

- i. A property of language that allows users to talk about things and events not present in the immediate environment.  
a) Displacement      b) Cultural Transmission      c) Duality      d) Creativity
- ii. A property of language describing the fact that there is no natural connection between a linguistic form and its meaning.  
a) Creativity      b) Displacement      c) Arbitrariness      d) none of the above
- iii. Duality is about the process whereby knowledge of a language is passed from one generation to the next.  
(True / False)
- iv. Linguistics deals with.....  
a) Scientific study of human language      b) Scientific study of animal language  
c) scientific study of machine language      d) all of the above
- v. A French term introduced into linguistics by Ferdinand de Saussure to refer to the language system shared by a community of speakers.  
a) Langue      b) Parole      c) Competence      d) Performance
- vi. Acoustic phonetics is the study of the way speech sounds are made ('articulated') by the vocal organs.  
(True / False)
- vii. Choose the incorrect statement.  
a) Allophones are variants of a phoneme      b) Allophones are distinctive sound unit  
c) Allophones are phonologically conditioned      d) All the above
- viii. "A minimal unit of meaning or grammatical function." is known as .....  
a) Phoneme      b) Morpheme      c) Allophone      d) Allomorph
- ix. The full form of IPA is .....
- x. Sociolinguistics Linguistics is a branch of .....  
a) Applied Linguistics      b) Core Linguistics      c) Theoretical Linguistics      d) All the above

**Part-B (Short Answer)**

2. Explain the term cultural transmission with suitable examples.
3. Define language. Illustrate with examples.
4. Explain the relationship between signifier and signified with examples.
5. Explain how linguistics is scientific in dealing with languages.
6. Define descriptive and prescriptive study of language. Explain with examples.
7. Write a short note on *Babbling*. Provide examples from your own languages.
8. Write a brief note on morphology.
9. What is one word stage in language acquisition? Mention its characteristics.

**Part-C (Essay)**

10. Write a comprehensive note on various design features of language. Provide suitable examples for each.
11. Write a detailed essay on Saussurean dichotomies.
12. Write a comprehensive note on place and manner of articulation. Illustrate with examples.
13. Write a detailed essay on *International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA)*.
14. Compose an essay on computational linguistics and its scope.

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