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Course Title: **Sound System in Language**

Course Code: **BNLT102DET**

Time: **2Hours**

Total marks: **35**

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 (5) compulsory questions of multiple choice/fill in the blank/very short answer type question. Answer all questions. Each question carries (1) mark. **(5x1=5marks)**

Part-B contains (8) questions of which students are supposed to answer (5) questions. Answer each question in approximately **100 words**. Each question carries (4) marks. **(5x4=20marks)**

Part-C contains (2) questions of which students are supposed to answer (1) questions. Answer each question in approximately **250 words**. Each question carries (10) marks. **(1x10=10marks)**

Part-A

1. **Write the correct answer by choosing from the options:**

i. The sound /k/ in English is classified as:

- a) Voiced nasal b) Voiceless plosive c) Voiced fricative d) Voiceless nasal

ii. Deletion takes place when a segment is elided in a given context. (True / False)

iii. “*a minimal, distinctive unit of sound*” is known as

- a) Phoneme b) Morpheme c) Allophone d) Allomorph

iv. Phonology primarily deals with:

- a) The production of speech sounds b) The rules governing sound patterns
c) The structure of sentences d) The meaning of morphemes

v. Which name is associated with the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA)?

- a) Noam Chomsky b) Paul Passy c) Ferdinand de Saussure d) Edward Sapir

Part-B

2. Explain the difference between phonetics and phonology.

3. Describe underlying and surface forms with suitable examples.

4. What is typology? Give examples of various typological classification in languages.

5. What do you understand by universals? Illustrate your answers with examples.

6. What is assimilation? Mention its types with suitable examples from English and Urdu language.

7. Write a brief note on International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA).

8. Define phoneme and allophone with suitable examples.

9. Briefly describe various distinctive features of sound.

Part-C

10. Describe the role of phonetics and phonology in understanding and analyzing the sound system of language.

11. Write a comprehensive essay on phonological processes. Illustrate with examples.
