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Paper Title: - **The Structure of Modern English**
Time: 3 Hours

Paper Code: **MAEN102CCT**
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

Q1. Attempt all. Each one carries one mark.

- i. What is the main focus of phonetics in the study of language?
 - a) The patterns and rules of sound organization in language
 - b) The meaning and structure of words in sentences
 - c) The study of sounds as physical phenomena
 - d) The grammar and syntax of the language

- ii. Which of the following is a feature used to describe speech sounds?
 - a) Vocabulary
 - b) Articulation
 - c) Syntax
 - d) Semantics

- 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 of the following is an example of word formation by compounding?
 - a) Happiness
 - b) Teacher
 - c) Toothpaste
 - d) Nationalize

- vii. In the word "unhappiness," how many morphemes are there?
 - a) 1
 - b) 2
 - c) 3
 - d) 4

- 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. In a tree diagram, a sentence is typically broken down into which main syntactic components?
 - a) Clauses and morphemes
 - b) Nouns and verbs
 - c) Subject and predicate
 - d) Adjectives and adverbs

- 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. Why is it essential to understand the background and fundamentals of grammar in language teaching?
3. How are vowel sounds different from consonant sounds in terms of production?
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 syntax in linguistics?
8. What is structural ambiguity?
9. Phonetically transcribe the following words – i. Public ii. Element iii Chorus iv. November v. Prime

Part-C

10. How does stress affect the meaning of words in English? Discuss with examples.
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 boy kicked the ball and got a goal," highlighting the syntactic structure of the sentence.
