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Programme: B.A.

VI Semester Examination, April/May 2026

Course Title: **Sociology of Language**

Course Code: **BNLX601DCT**

Time: **3Hours**

Total Marks: **70**

Note: This question paper consists of (3) 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 (8) questions of which students are supposed to answer (5) questions. Answer each question in approximately 200 words. Each question carries 06 marks.

(5x6=30 marks)

Part-C contains (5) questions of which students are supposed to answer (3) questions. Answer each question in approximately 500 words. Each question carries (10) marks.

(3x10=30 marks)

Part-A

1. Answer all questions:

- i. The Sociology of Language primarily examines:
a) Sound system b) Social use of language c) Grammar rules d) Literary texts
- ii. The term *Sociolinguistics* deals with:
a) Syntax only b) Language and society c) Translation d) Phonetics only
- iii. Microsociolinguistics focuses on:
a) National policies b) Small group interactions c) Historical change d) Literature
- iv. Macrosociolinguistics studies:
a) Individual speech b) Language at societal level c) Sounds d) Words
- v. India is an example of:
a) Monolingual society b) Bilingual society c) Multilingual society d) Isolated society
- vi. Multilingualism refers to:
a) One language use b) Two languages only c) Use of multiple languages d) No language
- vii. Language contact results in:
a) Isolation b) Borrowing and code-switching c) Silence d) Language death only
- viii. Linguistic relativity is associated with:
a) Chomsky b) Sapir-Whorf c) Bloomfield d) Saussure
- ix. The SPEAKING model was proposed by:
a) Labov b) Hymes c) Halliday d) Fishman
- x. Kinship terms are related to:
a) Colours b) Family relations c) Sounds d) Syntax

Part-B

2. Differentiate between Sociology of Language and Sociolinguistics with suitable illustrations.
3. Outline the features of Microsociolinguistics and Macrosociolinguistics.
4. Examine the nature of multilingualism in India with relevant examples.
5. Illustrate the connection between language and culture in social contexts.
6. Interpret the concept of Linguistic Relativity with appropriate instances.
7. Analyze the components of the SPEAKING model in communication.
8. Evaluate the role of language in shaping social identity.
9. Highlight the significance of mother tongue in education and society.

Part-C

10. Assess multilingualism in India by considering individual and societal dimensions along with language contact situations.
11. Elaborate on the relationship between language, culture and society, with reference to kinship systems and colour terms.
12. Critically examine the interaction between language, psychology and society, focusing on language attitudes and identity formation.
13. Investigate how language contributes to social inequality and power structures.
14. Critically comment on the role of language in gender representation with suitable examples.
