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Programme: **MA**

Title and Paper Code: **The Structure of Modern English (MAEN102CCT)**

Time: 3 Hours **Maximum Marks: 70**

Note: This question paper consists of three parts: Part-A, Part-B, Part-C. Number of words to answer 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. **(05x6= 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. **(03x10= 30 marks)**

Part – A

1. Choose the correct option to answer the following.

i. Deep structure represents a sentence's most basic units of _____.
- a) words
- b) sounds
- c) meaning
- d) letters

ii. /m/ is a _____ sound.
- a) bilabial
- b) labio-dental
- c) dental
- d) alveolar

iii. Which of the following words has the [ʌ] sound in it?
- a) Nice
- b) Function
- c) Pleasure
- d) House

iv. The number of phonemes in the word 'Ship' is _____.
- a) 2
- b) 3
- c) 4
- d) 5

v. _____ is the smallest meaningful unit of a language.
- a) Phoneme
- b) Morpheme
- c) Grapheme
- d) Syllable

vi. The word 'knight' is pronounced as _____.
- a) /nɪt/
- b) /knaɪt/
- c) /naɪt/
- d) /knɪt/

vii. Which of the following is an example of clipping?
- a) Babysit
- b) Happiness
- c) Unkind
- d) Cats

viii. How many syllables are in the word 'Computer'?
- a) 2
- b) 3
- c) 4
- d) 5

ix. The process of changing a word from one part of speech to another without adding any affix is called _____.
- a) Affixation
- b) Reduplication
- c) Compounding
- d) Conversion

x. Which of the following sentence is structurally ambiguous?
- a) The old man walked slowly.
- b) She went to the bank to deposit money.
- c) The cat is sleeping on the couch.
- d) I saw the man with the telescope.

Part – B

2. Attempt morphological analysis of the following words.

i. Fictionalize
ii. Unadulterated
iii. Familiarization
iv. Reduplication
v. Misunderstanding
vi. Rope-walker

3. Write a detailed note on 'structural ambiguity'?

4. Differentiate between inflectional and derivational morphology, providing examples to illustrate the distinction.

5. How are vowel sounds differentiated from consonant sounds?

6. What do you understand by the term *Fricatives*? Explain giving examples.

7. Attempt tree diagram of the following sentences –

i. The girl in the white frock is playing carrom with her friends.
ii. The engineer constructed the bridge on the river after retirement.

8. Give the phonetic transcription of the following words –

i. Pronunciation
ii. Pungent
iii. Vivacious
iv. Hanger
v. Electricity
vi. Secular

9. What do you understand by the terms 'surface structure' and 'deep structure'?

Part – C

10. Define diphthongs and provide the list of the diphthongs in the English language.

11. Attempt a detailed note on the functions of intonation.

12. Explain the concepts of stress-timed rhythm and syllable-timed rhythm, using examples to bring out the differences.

13. Write short notes on any **three** of the following :

i. Allophone
ii. Allomorph
iii. Syllabic consonant
iv. Acronym

14. Mark the stressed words in the following sentences and also mark the correct tone.

i. The two brothers scored well in the examination.
ii. Sita and Geeta have been staying here for long
iii. His performance in the competition is good. (with reservation)
iv. Two and two make four.
v. They have been going to the gym regularly. (yes-no question)

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