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M.A. DEGREE (CSS) EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 2013
Third Semester

Faculty of Language and Literature
Branch: VII- Syriac

P.C.12: General Linguistics with special reference to Syriac Language

Time: Three Hours

Total Weight: 30

1. Write short notes on any *five* of the following. Each question carries a weight of 1:

1. Synchrony
2. Diphthong
3. Semantics
4. Voice
5. Syntax
6. Allophone
7. Graphic Linguistics
8. Syllable

(5×1 =5)

2. Answer any *five* of the following. Each question carries a weight of 2:

9. What is Phonology? State the difference between phonetics and phonology.
10. Describe briefly the levels of linguistic analysis.
11. Explain the dichotomy between Competence and Performance.
12. "Language is a form not substance" – Discuss giving examples.
13. What is meant by descriptive, historical and comparative linguistics?
14. Write briefly on Semitic Languages.
15. Describe briefly the Orthographical specialties of vowels in Syriac.
16. State the difference between Traditional Grammar and Structural Grammar.

(5 × 2 = 10)

3. Write essays on any *three* of the following. Each question carries a weight of 5:

17. Explain phonetics and its different branches.
18. What is meant by morphological analyses? Give examples of both free and bound morphemes.
19. Brief the Indian contribution to linguistic studies.
20. How consonantal sounds are classified on the basis of Voicing, place of articulation and manner of articulation. Give examples from Syriac Alphabets.
21. Explain Parts of Speech by using examples from Syriac language.
22. Family of Languages.

(3 × 5 = 15)