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Maximum Weight : 25

Instructions : *This question paper contains two sections. Answer Section I questions in the answer book provided. Section II Internal Examination questions must be answered in the question paper itself. Follow the detailed instructions given under Section II.*

Section I

PART A

Answer all questions in this Part.

Each bunch of four questions carries a weight of 1.

Choose the correct answer from the following :

I. 1 Diphthongs are also called :

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| (a) Monophthongs. | (b) Vowel glides. |
| (c) Triphthongs. | (d) None of these. |

2 The force with which a syllable is pronounced is called :

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| (a) Intonation. | (b) Stress. |
| (c) Rhythm. | (d) None of these. |

3 A regional variety of a language is called :

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| (a) Dialect. | (b) Assimilation. |
| (c) Register. | (d) None of these. |

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- 4 How many diphthongs are there in English language ?
- (a) Eight. (b) Twelve.
(c) Twenty. (d) None of these.
- II. 5 Consonants involving the articulation by the tongue and teeth ridge are called :
- (a) Alveolars. (b) Dentals.
(c) Velars. (d) None of these.
- 6 The wind pipe is also known as :
- (a) Trachea. (b) Adam's apple.
(c) Larynx. (d) None of these.
- 7 In the word friendship, ship is :
- (a) Stem. (b) Prefix.
(c) Suffix. (d) None of these.
- 8 Which among the following is a bound morpheme ?
- (a) – ed. (b) laugh.
(c) Tree. (d) None of these.
- III. 9 Which among the following is a simple word ?
- (a) Takes. (b) Goodness.
(c) Unkind. (d) None of these.
- 10 Syntactic structures was a book published by :
- (a) Bloomfield. (b) Noam Chomsky.
(c) Zelling Harris. (d) None of these.
- 11 A consonant that is produced with the oral passage blocked at the centre, but open at the sides is :
- (a) Nasal. (b) Fricative.
(c) Lateral. (d) None of these.





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- 12 The first sounds in the words cat get are example for :
- (a) Glottal. (b) Palatal.
(c) Velar. (d) None of these.
- IV. 13 How many centring diphthongs are there in English ?
- (a) Five. (b) Seven.
(c) Nine. (d) Three.
- 14 The frictionless continuants and semi-vowels may together be called :
- (a) Approximants. (b) Velars.
(c) Bilabials. (d) Plosives.
- 15 Which among the following words contain voices bi-labial nasal ?
- (a) Man. (b) Pin.
(c) Sing. (d) All of these.
- 16 How many syllables are there in the word 'humidity' ?
- (a) Four. (b) Three.
(c) Two. (d) None of these.

(4 × 1 = 4)

PART B

*Answer any **five** of the following questions each in a sentence **or** two.
Each question carries a weight of 1.*

- 17 What is a Dialect ?
18 What is Creole ?
19 What are cardinal vowels ?
20 What is linking / r / ?
21 What is a Syllable ?
22 What is word stress ?

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- 23 What is a lateral sound ?
24 What are Approximants ?

(5 × 1 = 5)

PART C

*Answer any **four** of the following questions each in about 100 words.*

Each question carries a weight of 2.

- 25 What is Phonology ?
26 What are minimal pairs ?
27 What are Affricates ? How are they produced ?
28 What is Affixation ?
29 What is stem formation ?
30 What are lexical morphemes ?

(4 × 2 = 8)

PART D

*Answer any **two** of the following.*

Each question carries a weight of 4.

- 31 Transcribe the following words marking the stress :

Hunger	declaration
Curious	distinction
Structure	prediction
Announce	modification
Library	translation
Relation	linguistics
Element	concept
Manifestation	pattern.





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32 Transcribe the following passage marking the stress and intonation :

- Ms. Seema : Excuse me, I want some details on opening a savings account here.
- Officer : Oh, sure, madam ! Are you new to this bank ?
- Ms. Seema : Yes. I came to Chennai from Pune just a week ago. But I have an account with your Pune branch
- Officer : Oh ! Then that shouldn't be a problem at all to transfer your account from Pune to this branch
- Ms. Seema : Thank you
- Officer : Welcome.

33 Write an essay on the differences between P.S. Grammar and T.G. Grammar.

(2 × 4 = 8)

