

**MA ENGLISH
SECOND SEMESTER
LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS
MEN - 202**

(Use Separate Answer Scripts for Objective & Descriptive)

Duration:3 hrs.

Full Marks:70

(**PART-A: Objective**)

Time: 20 min.

Marks:20

Choose the correct answer from the following:

1 × 20 = 20

1. The soft palate is also known as----
 - a. velum
 - b. glottis
 - c. mouth
 - d. teeth ridge
2. /h/ is a ---- sound
 - a. glottal
 - b. palatal
 - c. alveolar
 - d. nasal
3. The 'centre' of the tongue is raised in the articulation of a---- vowel
 - a. back
 - b. central
 - c. front
 - d. close
4. Depending on lip rounding a vowel may be----
 - a. tense or lax
 - b. rounded
 - c. close
 - d. voiced
5. The dyadic model of sign was given by-----
 - a. Ferdinand de Saussure
 - b. Charles Sanders Pierce
 - c. Umberto Eco
 - d. Roland Barthes
6. Linguistic sign is-----
 - a. arbitrary
 - b. Neither arbitrary nor discrete
 - c. discrete
 - d. Both arbitrary and discrete
7. The term 'semiotic' was introduced by-----
 - a. Ferdinand de Saussure
 - b. Noam Chomsky
 - c. John Lyons
 - d. Charles Sanders Pierce
8. Who gave the distinction between competence and performance?
 - a. Roman Jakobson
 - b. Ferdinand de Saussure
 - c. Noam Chomsky
 - d. Aristotle
9. The plural morph in 'furniture' is -----
 - a. a zero morph
 - b. an empty morph
 - c. a portmanteau morph
 - d. none of these

10. The word 'Linguistics' is ----
 a. a noun
 b. an adjective
 c. a verb
 d. an adverb
11. A footprint is----
 a. a symbol
 b. an index
 c. an icon
 d. all of these
12. Which of the following cannot be added to a stem?
 a. an inflectional affix
 b. an affix
 c. a derivational affix
 d. a syllable
13. The root of the word 'went' is----
 a. went
 b. go
 c. gone
 d. goes
14. Identify the base/bases in the word 'pre-historical'.
 a. pre-
 b. pre- history, historical, pre-historical
 c. history
 d. pre-history and pre-historical
15. How many syllables are there in the word 'presentation'?
 a. five
 b. two
 c. four
 d. three
16. A diphthong forms the nucleus of----
 a. one syllable
 b. two syllables
 c. many syllables
 d. no syllable
17. If the pitch falls from very high to very low, the tone is called----
 a. low fall
 b. low rise
 c. high fall
 d. high rise
18. Animal communication systems do not have----
 a. a sign
 b. a gesture
 c. productivity
 d. any of these
19. RP English is also regarded as
 a. Standard English
 b. BBC English
 c. Queen's English
 d. All of these
20. Linguistics is the ---- study of language.
 a. Prescriptive
 b. literary
 c. Scientific
 d. evaluative

(PART-B : Descriptive)

Time : 2 hrs. 40 min.

Marks : 50

[Answer question no.1 & any four (4) from the rest]

1. Discuss the semiotic view of language following Saussure, as outlined by John Lyons. 10
2. Give IC analyses of the following sentences: 5+5=10
 a. The car makes a lot of noise.
 b. The dog followed the boy.
3. What is articulatory phonetics and what are the articulators involved in the production of speech sounds? Draw the human speech organs with appropriate labels. 4+6 =10
4. Distinguish inflectional and derivational morphemes with examples. Exemplify the derivational affixes that do not affect word accent in English. 6+4 =10
5. Discuss the three important factors for describing consonants. Plot English vowels in a vowel diagram. 5+5=10
6. Explain the notions of zero morph, portmanteau morph, and empty morph. Distinguish between morph and morpheme. 6+4 =10
7. Discuss the notion of sign in semiotics. Compare and contrast the theory of sign of Saussure and Pierce. 5+5=10
8. Write short notes on the following: 3+3+4 =10
 a. Assimilation and elision
 b. Langue and Parole
 c. Allomorph

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