

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

- The word 'tree' is a _____ of the actual physical entity 'tree'.
 - Index
 - Symbol
 - Icon
 - Token
- The IPA symbol [ɛ] stands for:
 - Unrounded central close vowel
 - Unrounded front close vowel
 - Unrounded front open-mid vowel
 - Unrounded front open vowel
- The English word 'sunglass' is an example of:
 - Blending
 - Backformation
 - Compounding
 - Acronym
- The branch which deals with the transmission of sound is known as:
 - Articulatory phonetics
 - Auditory phonetics
 - Transitory phonetics
 - Acoustic phonetics
- Assertion I: The term labiodental refers to an obstruction caused by the movement of the lower lip towards the upper teeth.
Assertion II: The production of /θ/ involves a vibration of the vocal cords.
 - I is true, but II is false
 - Both I and II are true
 - Both I and II are false
 - I is false, but II is true
- 'net' is an example of:
 - Back clipping
 - Fore Clipping
 - Middle clipping
 - Apocopation
- The number of syllables in the word 'bureaucratic' is:
 - One
 - Two
 - Three
 - Four
- IC Analysis was proposed by:
 - Zelling Harris
 - Leonard Bloomfield
 - Rulon Wells
 - Ferdinand De Saussure
- In Structural Linguistics, the procedure of grammatical analysis involving the major division within a syntactic construction at any level and analyzing into immediate constituents and further continuing the process until irreducible constituents are reached is called:
 - Tagmemic analysis
 - Systematic analysis
 - Componential analysis
 - IC analysis

10. Identify the preposition in the following sentence:
"The police beat the thief with a stick."
a. Thief
b. Beat
c. With
d. Stick
11. The verb in "Monica went to New York with her mother" is:
a. with
b. to
c. went
d. her
12. "Zero morphemes have function but no form." The statement is:
a. True
b. False
c. Neither true nor false
d. Partially true and partially false
13. Great (adjective) → Greatly (adverb) is an example of:
a. Inflectional affix
b. Circumfix
c. Clitic
d. Derivational affix
14. The process in which there is loss of medial vowel is called:
a. Anaptyxis
b. Syncope
c. Prothesis
d. Metathesis
15. In Semiotics, the image formed in the speaker's mind, according to Saussure is known as:
a. Index
b. Signifier
c. Icon
d. Signified
16. Triadic notion of sign was proposed by :
a. Ferdinand de Saussure
b. Leonard Bloomfield
c. Charles Sanders Peirce
d. Noam Chomsky
17. 's'- in the English word 'players' represent a/an:
a. Inflectional suffix
b. Derivational suffix
c. Inflectional prefix
d. Derivational prefix
18. Assertion I: A closed syllable has a branching rhyme.
Assertion II: A closed syllable has a complex coda.
a. Both I and II are true
b. Both I and II are false
c. I is true but II is false
d. I is false but II is true
19. Which among the following is produced with the oral passage blocked at the centre, but open at the sides?
a. Trill
b. Nasal
c. Lateral
d. Approximant
20. The words 'run', 'butter', 'clean' can be considered as examples of:
a. Incorporation
b. Conversion
c. Synonym
d. Hyponym

(PART-B : Descriptive)

Time : 2 hrs. 40 min.

Marks : 50

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

1. Make IC analysis of the following sentences: 2×5=10
 - a) The father asked his son to pick up the bundle of sticks.
 - b) The girl with long hair was using phone in the class.
 - c) The lion is the king of animals.
 - d) She took the file yesterday.
 - e) The grey monkey quickly chased the brown weasel around the mulberry bush.

 2. Define word formation process. Explain any four word formation processes with example. 2+8=10

 3. Discuss the criteria required for describing Vowel Sounds in English. 10
- OR
- Examine the airstream mechanisms involved in the production of human speech sounds.
4. Transcribe the following : 2×5=10
 - a) Calamity
 - b) Childhood
 - c) Nationality
 - d) Wanted
 - e) Experience

 5. a) What is a syllable? 4+6=10
b) Explain its important elements and draw structures of the following words:
 - I. Horrible
 - II. Exercise
 - III. Fearsome

 6. What do you understand by the term morpheme? Explain its types. 2+8=10

 7. Write short notes on any two: 5×2=10
 - a) Phonological processes
 - b) Concepts of signifier and signified
 - c) Concepts of phone, phoneme and allophone

 8. Illustrate the various organs of speech and explain only the oral cavity. 5+5=10

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