

BA ENGLISH  
SIXTH SEMESTER  
MODERN LINGUISTICS  
BEN-602

**SET  
B**

[USE OMR SHEET FOR OBJECTIVE PART]

Duration: 3 hrs.

Full Marks: 70

( Objective )

Time: 30 mins.

Marks: 20

Choose the correct answer from the following:

1 × 20 = 20

1. Regularity of phonetic change from Proto Indo European to Germanic and non-Germanic languages was observed by:  
a. Karl Verner  
b. Rasmus Rask  
c. Jacob Grimm  
d. Hermann Grassmann
2. Which of the following in the set violates Grimm's Law?  
a. b → p  
b. j → c  
c. d → t  
d. g → k
3. The term 'cognate' refers to:  
a. Linguistic form of typologically related languages  
b. Languages of different linguistic families  
c. Linguistic form of geographically related languages  
d. Linguistic form of genetically related languages
4. Typology is a:  
a. Classification of languages according to the structural types  
b. Study of systematic patterns that occur across the languages of the world  
c. A theoretical framework to the study of language  
d. All of these
5. Who coined the term 'sprachbund'?  
a. Karl Verner  
b. Charles Ferguson  
c. Herman Osthoff  
d. Nicholas Trubetzký
6. Bilingualism in which speakers no more use their native language is called .....bilingualism.  
a. Subtractive Bilingualism  
b. Compound Bilingualism  
c. Dormant Bilingualism  
d. Language death
7. Coexistence of two varieties of the same language is called.....  
a. Narrow diglossia  
b. Broad diglossia  
c. Diglossia  
d. None of the above
8. ....coined the term Diglossia.  
a. Leonard Bloomfield  
b. Noam Chomsky  
c. Charles Ferguson  
d. David Crystal
9. Switching between two languages during a speech situation is known as:  
a. Code mixing  
b. Code switching  
c. Inflexion  
d. Diglossia

10. ....is the theory or practice of compiling dictionaries.
  - a. Lexicography
  - b. Phonology
  - c. Morphology
  - d. None of the above
11. Which of the following group of languages belong to the Southern branch of Dravidian family?
  - a. Konkani, Maithili, Dogri, Malto
  - b. Tulu, Toda, Kota, Pengo
  - c. Kannada, Munda, Ho, Haka
  - d. Karen, Meitei, Lhoto, Yachumi
12. Who among the following is NOT a Neo Grammarian?
  - a. Karl Brugmann
  - b. Herman Paul
  - c. Paul Postal
  - d. August Leskien
13. Grassmann's Law was proposed in:
  - a. 1875
  - b. 1822
  - c. 1863
  - d. 1836
14. Which Universal talks about the SOV languages being postpositional?
  - a. Universal 3
  - b. Universal 33
  - c. Universal 4
  - d. Universal 44
15. "In almost all languages the subject precedes the object, though there are languages in which the subject and the object occur in the reverse order" is an example of:
  - a. Absolute universal
  - b. Statistical universal
  - c. Both absolute and statistical universal
  - d. Neither absolute nor statistical universal
16. A foreign language having attained the status of the official language is called:
  - a. Lingua Franca
  - b. Diglossia
  - c. Multilingualism
  - d. None of the above
17. ....are geographically inflexed forms of a standard language.
  - a. Idiolects
  - b. Dialects
  - c. Codes
  - d. Pidgins
18. A .....may become a mother tongue in due course of time with the increasing number of speakers and then is known as a.....
  - a. Pidgin, creole
  - b. Creole, pidgin
  - c. Dialect, sociolect
  - d. Dialect, sociolect
19. Information related to the origin of words falls under:
  - a. Glossary
  - b. Diachronic dictionary
  - c. Etymological dictionaries
  - d. None of the above
20. ....is group of speakers using the same language irrespective of their geographical locations.
  - a. Speech Community
  - b. Language Community
  - c. Multilingualism
  - d. Bilingualism

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**( Descriptive )**

Time : 2 hr. 30 mins.

Marks : 50

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

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| 1. Discuss syntactic typology with reference to Greenberg's first five language universals.  | 10     |
| 2. Define sound change. Discuss the dimensions along which sound changes can be categorized.   | 2+8=10 |
| 3. Make short notes on <i>any two</i> :<br>a) Grimm's Law<br>b) Absolute-Statistical Language Universals<br>c) Verner's law  | 5+5=10 |
| 4. Elaborate on the Tibeto Burman language family found in India.  | 10     |
| 5. Elaborately discuss 'Sociolinguistics' as an individual discipline that deals with the use of language in the society.  | 10     |
| 6. a) What are Pidgins and Creoles?<br>b) How do they differ from each other?  | 4+6=10 |
| 7. a) What is Bilingualism?<br>b) Discuss different types of bilingualism with appropriate examples.   | 2+8=10 |
| 8. Write short notes on <i>any two</i> of the following:<br>a) Code mixing vs. Code Switching<br>b) Multilingualism<br>c) Types of dictionaries<br>d) Register and Dialect | 5+5=10 |

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