

MA ENGLISH
FOURTH SEMESTER
LINGUISTIC FIELDWORK AND LANGUAGE DOCUMENTATION
MEN-402B

**SET
A**

[USE OMR SHEET FOR OBJECTIVE PART]

Duration: 3 hrs.

Full Marks: 70

Time: 30 mins.

Marks: 20

(Objective)

Choose the correct answer from the following:

1×20=20

1. Languages that have only one element of basic meaning per word are called ____
 - a. Inflectional
 - b. Agglutinative
 - c. Polysynthetic
 - d. Isolating
2. _____ is the one such spoken ancestral language from which daughter languages descend.
 - a. Sister language
 - b. Proto-language
 - c. Cognate
 - d. Reflex
3. English is an example of ____
 - a. Isolating languages
 - b. Inflectional language
 - c. Agglutinative language
 - d. None of the above
4. Cats and dogs are examples of ____
 - a. Conditioned changes
 - b. Unconditioned changes
 - c. Phonemic
 - d. Non-phonemic
5. Need and prestige are motivations for borrowing.
 - a. True
 - b. False
 - c. Partially true
 - d. Partially false
6. Munda falls under which language family?
 - a. Indo-Aryan
 - b. Dravidian
 - c. Austro-Asiatic
 - d. Tibeto-Burman
7. Restricted code is ____
 - a. Informal
 - b. Highly formal
 - c. Formal
 - d. Highly informal
8. Idiolect is the speech variety of
 - a. A single person
 - b. A family
 - c. A community
 - d. A village
9. Code-switching and code-mixing are defined in relation to ____
 - a. The word
 - b. The sentence
 - c. Conversation
 - d. Meaning

10. Verbal repertoire was a term coined by
- Dell Hymes
 - Basil Bernstein
 - John Gumperz
 - None of the above
11. IPA stands for _____
- Indian Phonetic Association
 - International Phonetic Association
 - Indian Phonetic Alphabet
 - International Phonetic Alphabet
12. Sudden death of a language refers to the abrupt extinction of a language without an intervening period of bilingualism.
- True
 - False
 - Partially true
 - Partially false
13. /ei/ is a _____
- Pure vowel
 - Diphthong
 - Consonant
 - None of the above
14. Name the lexical category (parts of speech) of the word 'good' in "She is a good girl"
- Noun
 - Verb
 - Adjective
 - Adverb
15. Sanskrit is a dead language.
- True
 - False
 - Partially true
 - Partially false
16. Abbi (2001: 246) has designed _____ basic word list for Indian languages.
- 250
 - 300
 - 350
 - 400
17. A language is said to be _____ if the community under discussion is the last one to use the language.
- Endangered
 - Dead
 - Vulnerable
 - None of the above
18. Identify the odd one.
- /p/
 - /n/
 - /g/
 - /i/
19. UNESCO stands for _____
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Children's Organization
 - United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
 - Scientific and Children's Organization
 - Scientific and Community Organization

20. /m/ and /n/ are _____

- a. stops
- c. nasals

- b. fricatives
- d. Liquids

(Descriptive)

Time : 2 hr. 30 mins.

Marks : 50

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

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| 1. Define language death. Write the four ways of language death given by Mestherie. | 10 |
| 2. What is an endangered language? Discuss UNESCO's four levels of endangerment in languages. | 2+8=10 |
| 3. Why should we study grammar? Elaborate your answers by discussing prescriptive and descriptive grammars. | 4+6=10 |
| 4. Write a descriptive note on field linguistics. Mention some of the methods of involved in field linguistics. | 6+4=10 |
| 5. Write a note on Bilingualism and its types. | 2+8=10 |
| 6. Write a note on some of the basic concepts in historical linguistics covering the topics proto-language, sister language, etc. | 5+5=10 |
| 7. Discuss the typological classification of languages as proposed by August Von Schlegel. | 2+8=10 |
| 8. What is language planning? What are the different phases in language planning? | 4+6=10 |

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