

BA ENGLISH
FIRST SEMESTER
BASICS OF LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS
BEN – 103

[USE OMR FOR OBJECTIVE PART]

SET
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Duration: 3 hrs.

Full Marks: 70

Time: 30 min.

Marks: 20

(Objective)

Choose the correct answer from the following:

1×20=20

1. 's'- in the English word 'players' represent a/an:
 - a. Inflectional suffix
 - b. Derivational suffix
 - c. Inflectional prefix
 - d. Derivational prefix
2. The IPA symbol [ɛ] stands for:
 - a. Unrounded central close vowel
 - b. Unrounded front close vowel
 - c. Unrounded front open-mid vowel
 - d. Unrounded front open vowel
3. The English word 'sunglass' is an example of:
 - a. Blending
 - b. Backformation
 - c. Compounding
 - d. Acronym
4. The branch which deals with the transmission of sound is known as:
 - a. Articulatory phonetics
 - b. Auditory phonetics
 - c. Transmityory phonetics
 - d. Acoustic phonetics
5. Assertion I: The term labio dental 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.
 - a. I is true, but II is false
 - b. Both I and II are true
 - c. Both I and II are false
 - d. I is false, but II is true
6. 'net' is an example of:
 - a. Back clipping
 - b. Fore Clipping
 - c. Middle clipping
 - d. Apocopation
7. The number of syllables in the word 'bureaucratic' is:
 - a. One
 - b. Two
 - c. Three
 - d. Four

8. IC Analysis was proposed by:
 - a. Zelling Harris
 - b. Leonard Bloomfield
 - c. Rulon Wells
 - d. Ferdinand De Saussure
9. 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:
 - a. Tagmemic analysis
 - b. Systematic analysis
 - c. Componential analysis
 - d. 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. Which of the following theories suggests that language originated from the imitation of natural sounds?
 - a. The Bow-Wow Theory
 - b. The Poetic Theory
 - c. The Ding-Dong Theory
 - d. The Gestural Theory
15. Which of the following best describes the "Social Interaction Theory"?
 - a. Language emerged from individual needs.
 - b. Language developed as a means of social communication.
 - c. Language is a product of evolutionary change.
 - d. Language is rooted in cultural expressions

16. The Divine Source Theory posits that language was given to humans by:
- a. Evolutionary processes
 - b. Natural sounds
 - c. A divine being or higher power
 - d. Social interactions
17. Which of the following religions is often associated with the belief in the Divine Source of language?
- a. Buddhism
 - b. Hinduism
 - c. Christianity
 - d. All of the above
18. Old English is classified as a member of which language family?
- a. Romance
 - b. Germanic
 - c. Slavic
 - d. Celtic
19. Old English was primarily spoken in England from:
- a. 500 AD to 1100 AD
 - b. 300 AD to 800 AD
 - c. 1200 AD to 1500 AD
 - d. 400 AD to 900 AD
20. Which of the following theorists is most commonly associated with the Pooh-Pooh Theory?
- a. Max Müller
 - b. Charles Hockett
 - c. Noam Chomsky
 - d. Sigmund Freud

(Descriptive)

Time: 2 hr. 30 mins.

Marks: 50

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

1. Examine the various mechanisms involved in the production of human speech sounds. 10
2. Make IC analysis of the following sentences: 5+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 chased the brown weasel around the mulberry bush.
3. a. Discuss the criteria required for describing Vowel Sounds in English. 5+5=10

OR

b. What is a syllable? Explain its important elements and draw structures of the following words:
Important, Laugh, Justify
4. Transcribe the following : 2+5=10
Calamity, Childhood, Nationality, Wanted, Experience
5. Write a note on both Latin and Greek influence on the English language. 5+5=10
6. Name the theories of Origin of language. Discuss any two theories discussed under the origin of language. 2+8=10
7. What are the Scandinavian countries? Can you provide a brief overview of how Latin and French have influenced the English language? 3+7=10
8. What is the capital of France? What are some key ways in which French has influenced the English language, particularly in terms of vocabulary and terminology in various fields? 1+4+5=10