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Fourth Semester

English

HISTORY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND
LINGUISTICS

(For those who joined in July 2016 and afterwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. English belongs to _____ branch of the Indo-European family.
- (a) The teutonic
 - (b) Balto-slavic
 - (c) Italic
 - (d) Hellenic

2. Grimm's Law describes the set of changes that the Indo-European _____ underwent in Germanic.

- (a) Vowels
- (b) Consonants
- (c) Diphthongs
- (d) Semi-vowels

3. _____ points out that many do not distinguish between a 'Standard' language and a standardised language

- (a) A.C. Baugh
- (b) C.L. Wrenn
- (c) H. Bradley
- (d) F. T. Wood

4. Latin words came to English in _____ different stages.

- (a) Two
- (b) Five
- (c) Three
- (d) Four

5. The modern field of linguistics dates from the beginning of _____ century.

- (a) the 19th
- (b) the 17th
- (c) the 20th
- (d) the 18th

6. Ferdinand de Saussure is a/an _____ linguist.

- (a) English
- (b) Russian
- (c) Swiss
- (d) Italian



7. IC analysis was first mentioned by _____
 (a) Bloomfield (b) Chomsky
 (c) Wells (d) Saussure
8. TG Grammar is associated with _____
 (a) Ferdinand (b) Rask
 (c) Chomsky (d) Franz-Bopp
9. There are _____ pure vowels.
 (a) 12 (b) 44
 (c) 26 (d) 20
10. Primary stress is marked with a vertical bar _____ in front of the relevant syllable.
 (a) Below (b) Above
 (c) Under (d) Over

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Describe the characteristics of old English.
 Or
 (b) Show how Verner's law is an extension of the principle of Grimm's Law.

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12. (a) Indicate the influence of Latin on the English language.
 Or
 (b) Describe the influence of the Greek language on English.
13. (a) Define Linguistics?
 Or
 (b) What are the different branches of linguistics?
14. (a) Bring out the major flaws of IC analysis.
 Or
 (b) What are the three kinds of rules in TG Grammar?
15. (a) Explain the basic on which consonants are classified.

Or

- (b) Transcribe the following passage:

Gulliver was born in London. He studied medicine and became a doctor. He loved to travel in high sea. So he became a doctor in a ship. One day, the ship was sailing in Atlantic where a great storm arose. The ship hit against a rock and broke into pieces. Gulliver jumped into the sea and reached an island called Lilliput.

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PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Discuss the place of English in Indo-European family of language.

Or

- (b) Give an account of Global English.

17. (a) Comment on the contribution of French to the growth of the English language.

Or

- (b) Discuss the evolution of the Standard English.

18. (a) Examine the appropriateness of describing linguistics as a science.

Or

- (b) Assess Naom Chomsky's Contribution to modern linguistics.

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19. (a) Write an essay an IC analysis with examples.

Or

- (b) Discuss the salient features of TG Grammar.

20. (a) Describe vowels with examples.

Or

- (b) Illustrate with example the word accentual pattern.

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