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Third Semester

English – Main

Skill Based Subject – PHONETICS AND SPOKEN  
ENGLISH

(For those who joined in July 2016 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. What is the 'a' sound in the word "late"?  
(a) short A                      (b) long A  
(c) none of these              (d) Schwa
2. What is the 'a' sound in the word "habit"?  
(a) Long A                      (b) Schwa  
(c) Short A                      (d) None of these

3. The number of Diphthongs is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) 12 (b) 8  
(c) 44 (d) 20
4. Which one of the following is not an Organ of Speech?  
(a) Cheeks (b) Tongue  
(c) Vocal cord (d) Lips
5. We need an Airstream mechanism for the \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) Production of speech  
(b) Digestion process  
(c) Blood circulation  
(d) Dexidation process
6. Our respiratory system consists of \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) Lungs (b) Air pipe  
(c) Nostrils (d) All of the above
7. The letters a, e, i, o and u in English alphabet are \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) Clusters (b) Consonants  
(c) Vowels (d) Words

8. Which of the following has /i:/?
- (a) Car (b) Seat  
(c) Fit (d) Books
9. The example of consonant cluster is —————.
- (a) sea (b) guard  
(c) guilty (d) play
10. The engage of pitch of voice is called —————.
- (a) Stress (b) Rhythm  
(c) Pause (d) Intonation

PART B — ( $5 \times 5 = 25$  marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Briefly describe the significance of vowel sounds.

Or

- (b) Describe diphthongs.

12. (a) Explain consonant clusters.

Or

- (b) Explain intonation with examples.

13. (a) Write any five sentences and give their phonetic transcriptions.

Or

- (b) Elucidate the importance of stress marks.

14. (a) Deliberate on the rules of writing conversation.

Or

- (b) Write a conversation between two friends at a restaurant.

15. (a) Explain the significance of group discussion.

Or

- (b) Why is public speaking important?

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Explain the speech organs.

Or

- (b) Deliberate on the airstream mechanism of human body.

17. (a) Elucidate the role of stress in English.

Or

(b) Explain the consonants sounds in English.

18. (a) Transcribe the following sentences :

(i) I ate mango.

(ii) Birds flew away.

(iii) His boots are new.

(iv) Exam was easy.

(v) She ate banana.

Or

(b) Explain the rules of marking of stresses.

19. (a) Write a conversation between two friends meeting at the library.

Or

(b) Help a friend to obtain flat I, II, III.

20. (a) Deliberate on the rules of greeting.

Or

(b) Why is turn taking important?

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