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ASPECTS ENGLISH LANGUAGE – I

(For those who joined in July 2021 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. Identity is constructed by _____.

- (a) Literature (b) Society
(c) People (d) Language

2. Written language is _____ than spoken language.

- (a) More easily changed (b) More complex
(c) Less permanent (d) Less difficult

3. In _____, langue literally means language.

- (a) Greek (b) Latin
(c) French (d) German

4. The linguistic term parole means _____.

- (a) Speech acts (b) Written acts
(c) Social acts (d) Political acts

5. The word phonology means _____.

- (a) Structure of language
(b) Meaning of words
(c) Study of human sounds
(d) Classification of the sounds

6. _____ is the father of pragmatics in linguistics.

- (a) Saussure (b) Peirce
(c) Chomsky (d) Bloomsfield

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7. There are _____ syllables in the word respectful.
 (a) two (b) three
 (c) four (d) five
8. The sound/m/ is a _____.
 (a) Vowel (b) Consonant
 (c) Pure vowel (d) Semi-vowel
9. Identify the correct word for the following phonetics transcription/pa:ti/
 (a) Pretty (b) Pot
 (c) Part (d) Party
10. The phonetic transcription for the word 'Vessel' _____.
 (a) /ves(e)l/ (b) /vəsl//
 (c) /ves(ə)l/ (d) /vas(ə)l/

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 relationship between language, culture and society.
 Or
 (b) Distinguish between written language and spoken language.

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12. (a) Differentiate between Saussure's synchronic and diachronic linguistics.

Or

- (b) Write notes on Saussure's syntagmatic and paradigmatic studies.

13. (a) Contrast between syntactic and semantic.

Or

- (b) Describe syntax with examples.

14. (a) Explain articulatory phonetics.

Or

- (b) Describe plosives with examples.

15. (a) Write a phonetic transcription of the following passage :

Please call Stella. Ask her to bring these things with her from the store : Sixspoons of fresh snow peas, five thick slabs of blue cheese, and may be a snack for her broth Bob. We also need a small plastic snake and a big toy frog for the kids. She can scoop these things into three red bags, and we will go meet her Wednesday at the train station.

Or

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- (b) Write a phonetic transcription of the following passage :

One of the most obvious characteristics of the new family is that there are not always two parents. Due mostly to the rise in divorces since World War II, single-parent families are becoming more and more frequent and accepted in British society. Usually, it is the mother who takes responsibility for raising the child, and she has to balance the pressures of earning a living and raising her children at the same time.

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 socio-cultural significance of language.

Or

- (b) Explain how language is important to social identity.

17. (a) Language is a structured system of communication – Illustrate.

Or

- (b) Discuss Saussure's contribution to linguistics.

18. (a) Elaborate Morphology in linguistics with examples.

Or

- (b) Examine the various levels of language analysis.

19. (a) Classify and describe the consonants in English.

Or

- (b) Explain diphthongs with examples.

20. (a) Write a phonetic transcription of the following passage :

This book grew out of my study of the experiences of other women. It is built on the stories of eighty women who said no, who made changes in their lives. All of them left successful careers to find, as I did, their right livelihood. Some have permanently downshifted to part-time jobs in order to make time in the day for other interest, such as art, volunteer work, self-development spiritual interest and travel. A number of others have created their own small businesses : two own bookstores; one runs a sheep farm; three operate day-care centers. Some have become consultants, others writers. All have given to the word success a very personal definition.

Or



- (b) Write a phonetic transcription of the following passage :

The word "furnished" means different things to different people. You will normally find the essential : stove, refrigerator, beds, chairs, sofa, tables, lamps. Minimal china and glass, basic kitchen supplies, curtains and some pictures may be supplied. Sometimes, but very rarely, there is a small supply of bed, bath and table linens and blankets. You will need to bring your favourite kitchen utensils, some table linens or mats, extra lamps, coat hangers, whatever electrical appliances you want – such as toasters and irons. Your own pictures, books, decorations, and the like will make it seem more like home to you. The word "unfurnished" means different things, but generally a stove and refrigerator are included – also towel racks, light fixtures and other built-in items.

