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Second Semester

Faculty of Language and Literature

Branch : English

LEN 02 PC 9 – LANGUAGES AND LINGUISTICS

(2012 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours Maximum Weight : 30

Part A

I. Write paragraphs of any *five* of the following, each in a paragraph of about 50 words :

1. Allophone.
2. Nucleus of a syllable.
3. Deletion of inflection.
4. Synchrony.
5. Langue.
6. Antonymy.
7. Diglossia.
8. Transcribe the following words phonetically and mark primary stress :

   Garage.

   Interest.

   Confine.

   Perfect.

   Afternoon.

   Postbox.

   Pears.

   Roses.

(5 × 1 = 5)

Turn over

Part B

II. Write short essays on any *five* of the following, each in about 100 words :

9. Cardinal vowels.
10. Intonation patterns.
11. Inflections and derivations.
12. Co-compounds.
13. GB Theory.
14. Do support rules.
15. Ambiguity.
16. Innateness hypothesis.

(5 × 2 = 10)

Part C

III. Write essays of about 300 words on any *three* of the following :

17. What are the criteria for the classification of vowels? List the vocalic elements in English and describe them.
18. Explain what Morpho-phonemics is and point out how it operates in English.
19. What is the technique used in analyzing units or constituents which form a language unit? Explain with examples and mention the shortcomings of the technique.
20. Elaborate on what connotation and denotation means with suitable examples.
21. What is psycholinguistics? How relevant is the study of psycholinguistics to an understanding of how language operates?
22. Comment on how a language enriches its vocabulary.

(3 × 5 = 15)