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ENGLISH

Full Marks : 100

Time : 3 hours

Answer all questions

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks

SECTION — A

1. Answer the following : 1 × 10

(a) Which of the following is not a feature of human language ?

- (i) Arbitrariness
- (ii) Displacement
- (iii) Reflexivity
- (iv) Instinctiveness

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(b) Dialect refers to

- (i) A slang form of speech
- (ii) Language used in literature
- (iii) A completely different language
- (iv) A regional or social variety of language

(c) Artificial intelligence uses which component of language for communication with humans ?

- (i) Morphology
- (ii) Semantics
- (iii) Natural Language Processing (NLP)
- (iv) Sociolinguistic

(d) Who is considered as the father of modern linguistics ?

- (i) Noam Chomsky
- (ii) Edward Sapir

(iii) Leonard Bloomfield

(iv) Ferdinand de Saussure

(e) The smallest unit of sound that distinguishes meaning is called

- (i) Morpheme
- (ii) Phoneme
- (iii) Grapheme
- (iv) Syllable

(f) Syntax deals with

- (i) Sound patterns
- (ii) Word Meanings
- (iii) Sentence structure
- (iv) Speech organs

(g) The main function of intonation is

- (i) To beautify speech
- (ii) To increase volume

- (iii) To reduce accent
- (iv) To indicate meaning & emotion
- (h) Word formation by joining two or more existing words is
 - (i) Blending
 - (ii) Clipping
 - (iii) Borrowing
 - (iv) Compounding
- (i) The process of forming new words by adding prefixes and suffixes is called _____.
- (j) The study of meaning that depends on context and usage is called _____.

SECTION – B

2. Answer the following within 50 words each : 2 × 9

- (a) What are the main features of human language according to linguists ?
- (b) What are the major differences between artificial intelligence language and human language ?
- (c) What is linguistics ?
- (d) Differentiate between diachronic and synchronic linguistics.
- (e) What is the function of International Phonetic Alphabet ?
- (f) What is phonetics ?
- (g) What is intonation and stress ?
- (h) Define syntax.
- (i) Briefly explain coinage in word formation.

SECTION – C

3. Answer any *eight* of the following within 250 words each : 5×8

- (a) Explain how human language differs from animal communication.
- (b) Describe the functions of language according to Roman Jakobson.
- (c) Discuss language as a system of arbitrary symbols.
- (d) What do you mean by syntagmatic and paradigmatic relations ?
- (e) What is phonology ? How does it differ from phonetics ?
- (f) Discuss the organs of speech and their functions.

- (g) Discuss the importance of stress and intonation in English pronunciation.
- (h) Define morpheme and classify its types with examples.
- (i) What is discourse analysis ? Mention its scope and aims.
- (j) What is Transformational Grammar ? How does it explain the structure of Sentences ?

SECTION – D

4. Answer any *four* of the following within 800 words each : 8×4

- (a) Examine the main branches of linguistics and their interrelations.
- (b) Explain the organs of speech and their role in the production of sounds.

- (c) Describe the processes of word formation in English with suitable examples.
 - (d) Discuss the contribution of Ferdinand de Saussure to the foundation of modern linguistics.
 - (e) "Language is both a product of evolution and a social construct". Discuss with examples.
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