

2024

Full Marks - 100

Time - 3 hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks

Answer *all* questions

Part-I

1. Answer the following :

1 × 10

a) The study of language is known as _____ .

b) The feature to create an infinite number of sentences from a finite set of rules of human language is known as _____ .

c) A version of a language in a specific region or social group is _____ .

i) dialect

ii) idiolect

iii) phoneme

iv) morpheme.

d) Which one of the following does characterise Animal communication system ?

i) open

ii) infinite

iii) instinctive

iv) acquire.

e) The study of physical properties of speech sound is called _____.

- i) Auditory phonetics
- ii) Articulatory phonetics
- iii) Acoustic phonetics
- iv) None of the above.

f) The organs of speech involved in the production of sound is known as _____.

g) Which one of the following is an active articulator ?

- i) upper lip
- ii) lower lip
- iii) hard palate
- iv) teeth ridge.

h) The sound produced by complete closure of air flow is _____.

- i) Nasal
- ii) Affricate
- iii) Plosive
- iv) Fricative.

i) _____ is called the grammar of words.

j) Which one of the following is a glottal consonant ?

- i) |f|
- ii) |z|
- iii) |h|
- iv) |d|

Part-II

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

- a) Why language is arbitrary ?
- b) Define human language ?
- c) How does language contribute to social interaction ?
- d) What is linguistics ?

e) Briefly explain Artificial Intelligence (AI).

f) What do you mean by "linguistic levels" ?

g) What is stress ? Explain with example.

h) What is the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA) ?

i) Write down the difference between syntax and semantics.

Part-III

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

- a) What do you mean by 'Language is a system of systems' ? Explain.
- b) How does human communication differ from other forms of communication ?
- c) Discuss briefly about the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in human language acquisition.
- d) 'Linguistics is a science'. Give your own comments.
- e) How does the study of linguistics contribute to individual performance in the context of the job market ?
- f) Write a note on 'Morphological conditioning'.
- g) Comment on the role of International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA) in the learning of English Language pronunciation.

- h) Give a brief account of the classification of tones in the study of Intonation with suitable examples.
- i) Distinguish between lexical meaning and grammatical meaning.
- j) Illustrate "Compounding", "blending" as word formulation processes with suitable examples.

Part-IV

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

8 × 4

- a) What is Language ? What are the chief characteristics of human language ?
- b) In what aspect does human language distinguish itself from animal communication. Elaborate.
- c) How does the study of Linguistics contribute to other disciplines of human knowledge ? Discuss.
- d) Define phonetics. Give an account of different branches of phonetics.
- e) Discuss the various processes of word formation with appropriate examples.