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 5B08 ENG : Language and Linguistics

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Weightage : 30

## I. Objective type questions :

(1×4=4)

- A) 1) Traditional grammar is \_\_\_\_\_  
 a) Descriptive    b) Prescriptive    c) Both    d) Neither
- 2) The boy took the book (Identify the object).
- 3) He ran very fast (Identify the part of speech to which “very” belongs).
- 4) That must be the clerk (The auxiliary indicates)  
 a) Probability    b) Necessity    c) Advisability    d) Ability
- B) 5) A pair of words which differ from each other in one sound is called a \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) The maximum number of consonants that can occur in a final constant cluster in English is \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) The three-term label of /3:/ is \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) Diphthongs are also called \_\_\_\_\_
- C) 9) Identify the root in “unfriendly”.
- 10) The word grandest is a \_\_\_\_\_ word.  
 a) Simple    b) Complex    c) Compound
- 11) The word walking has \_\_\_\_\_  
 a) an inflectional suffix    b) a derivational suffix
- 12) A regional, temporal or social variety within a single language is called a \_\_\_\_\_



- D) 13) Writing is primary and speech is secondary. True or false.
- 14) Interchange ability is a feature of \_\_\_\_\_ language (human/animal)
- 15) The study of the origin of words is \_\_\_\_\_
- 16) \_\_\_\_\_ means that the act of communication does not require a total physical involvement of the communicating organisms.

II. Write short answers to **8** of the following questions in **1** or **2** sentences. (1×8=8)

- 1) What is a stem ?
- 2) Define an allomorph.
- 3) What is pitch ?
- 4) What is assimilation ?
- 5) Define a diphthong.
- 6) What are auxiliary verbs ? Give examples.
- 7) What is pidgin ?
- 8) What are noun clauses ? Give an example.
- 9) Human language is arbitrary. Explain.
- 10) Explain duality of structure with reference to language.

III. Answer **4** of the following in a paragraph of **100** words. (2×4=8)

- 1) Adjectival clauses
- 2) Plosives
- 3) Front vowels
- 4) Animal communication system and human language.
- 5) Classification of affixes
- 6) Classification of sentence according to clause structure.



IV. Transcribe **one** of the following passages : (1×2=2)

a) Sam : Good morning, Mr. Ram

Ram : Good morning, I'm afraid we haven't met each other before.

Sam : No we haven't. I'm sam, a tourist from abroad, and a journalist by profession.

b) Ram : What can I do for you ?

Sam : I heard that your school has been selected as a model. Congratulations.

Ram : Thank you.

Sam : I'd like to write an article about your school.

V. Write an essay on **one** of the following in **250** words. (4×1=4)

1) Characteristics of language

2) Classification of constants.

VI. Write an essay on **one** of the following in **250** words. (4×1=4)

1) Elements of word-building

2) Word classes.