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Time : Three Hours

Maximum Weight : 25

Part A

Answer all questions.

Each bunch of four questions carries a weight of 1.

- I. 1 If the physical embodiment of the message is realized as sound waves in the atmosphere, we call it :
- (a) Speech. (b) Gesture.
(c) Posture. (d) None of these.
- 2 The study of the internal structure of words in terms of meaningful elements is called :
- (a) Morphology. (b) Syntax.
(c) Semantics. (d) None of these.
- 3 Which among the following refers to the state of a language at a particular point of time ?
- (a) Synchronic approach. (b) Morphemics.
(c) Diachronic study. (d) None of these.
- 4 The user-based variety of a language is called :
- (a) Dialect. (b) Register.
(c) Idiolect. (d) None of these.
- II. 5 According to Chomsky, the actual utterance of the native speaker of a language is :
- (a) Performance. (b) Competence.
(c) Deduction. (d) Induction.
- 6 At the end of the soft palate or velum in the roof of the mouth is :
- (a) Uvula. (b) Glottis.
(c) Epiglottis. (d) None of these.

Turn over

7 The first point at which we can modify the outflowing stream of air is :

- (a) Larynx.
- (b) Palate.
- (c) Alveolum.
- (d) None of these.

8 The word 'language' itself is derived from the Latin word 'lingua' which means :

- (a) Teeth.
- (b) Tongue.
- (c) Lung.
- (d) None of these.

III. 9 Which among the following is not a nasal sound ?

- (a) |m|.
- (b) n.
- (c) |ŋ|.
- (d) None of these.

10 Velar sounds are produced when the back of the tongue touches :

- (a) Soft palate.
- (b) Hard Palate.
- (c) Glottis.
- (d) None of these.

11 The consonants after the peak are called releasing consonants or :

- (a) Coda.
- (b) Allophone.
- (c) Intonation.
- (d) None of these.

12 The British pronunciation that is accepted or received at the royal court is called :

- (a) GIE.
- (b) RP.
- (c) IPA.
- (d) None of these.

IV. 13 The different ways in which a morpheme is pronounced is called :

- (a) Allomorph.
- (b) Adverbial.
- (c) Embedding.
- (d) None of these.

14 As the sound system of language has Phoneme, the grammatical system has :

- (a) Syllable.
- (b) Morpheme.
- (c) Adjunct.
- (d) None of these.

15 Which among the following is a semi-vowel ?

- (a) /v/.
- (b) /w/.
- (c) /e/.
- (d) None of these.

16 Which among the following are never infected ?

- (a) Modals.
- (b) Nouns.
- (c) Verbs.
- (d) None of these.

(4 × 1 = 4)

Part B

*Answer any five of the following questions each in a sentence or two.
Each question carries a weight of 1.*

- 17 What is phoneme ?
- 18 What is syllable ?
- 19 What is sentence stress ?
- 20 What is tonality ?
- 21 What is a phrase ?
- 22 What is ultimate constituent ?
- 23 What is Pidgin ?
- 24 What is the difference between signifier and signified ?

(5 × 1 = 5)

Part C

*Answer any four of the following questions each in about 100 words.
Each question carries a weight of 2.*

- 25 What is the difference between Morphological conditioning and Phonological conditioning ?
- 26 What is assimilation ?
- 27 What are cardinal vowels ?
- 28 What are the differences between a rising diphthong and a falling diphthong ?
- 29 What are active and passive articulators ?
- 30 What are the different air stream mechanisms ?

(4 × 2 = 8)

Part D

*Answer any two of the following questions.
Each question carries a weight of 4.*

- 31 Transcribe the following words marking the stress :—

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| (a) Absent. | (b) Jaundice. |
| (c) Graph. | (d) Knighthood. |
| (e) Performance. | (f) Finance. |
| (g) Excursion. | (h) Penalty. |
| (i) Substance. | (j) Sentence. |
| (k) Courage. | (l) Industry. |
| (m) Question. | (n) Famous. |
| (o) Mineral. | (p) Vegetable. |

Turn over

32 Transcribe the following passage marking the stress :

Randy : Hi, Sunil.

Sunil : Hi, Randy. Long time to see ?

Randy : Been around. Lot of work. How's life ?

Sunil : Fine. I'm gonna go to Delhi for a week. Back on Friday.

Randy : Let's meet on Saturday evening.

Sunil : Good idea. See ya

Randy : Bye

33 Write an essay on the classification of morphemes.

(2 × 4 = 8)