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**(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2019-20 & thereafter)**

**SUBJECT CODE: 19EL/PC/LG44**

**M. A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2021**  
**BRANCH VII - ENGLISH**  
**FOURTH SEMESTER**

**COURSE: POSTGRADUATE CORE**  
**PAPER: LINGUISTICS**

**TIME: 1 ½ HOURS**  
**MAX. MARKS: 50**

**SECTION A**

- I. Attempt a phonemic transcription of the following passage. (10 marks)**

Speaking two languages rather than just one has obvious practical benefits in an increasingly globalized world. But in recent years, scientists have begun to show that the advantages of bilingualism are even more fundamental than being able to converse with a wider range of people. Being bilingual, it turns out, makes you smarter. It can have a profound effect on your brain, improving cognitive skills not related to language and even shielding against dementia in old age. This view of bilingualism is remarkably different from the understanding of bilingualism through much of the 20th century.

- II. Identify the sound underlined in each word and give the three term label.**

**(5x2=10)**

1. dentist
2. jaw
3. useful
4. genre
5. twitch

**SECTION B**

- III. Disambiguate the following sentences.**

**(4x2.5=10 marks)**

1. We should Discuss Violence on TV
2. Visiting Relatives can be a Nuisance
3. Farmer Bill Dies in House
4. The Rabbi Married my Sister

## SECTION C

**IV. Write short notes on any two of the following in not more than 150 words. (2x5=10)**

1. Langue and Parole
2. Allomorphs
3. Aphasia
4. IC analysis

**V. Write an essay on one of the following in not more than 500 words (1x10=10)**

- a. What are the demerits of Traditional Grammar?
- b. Discuss the places of articulation with reference to English sounds.