

M. A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2022
BRANCH VII - ENGLISH
FOURTH SEMESTER

COURSE: CORE
TITLE: LINGUISTICS

TIME: 3 HOURS
MAX. MARKS: 100

SECTION A

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

The four seasons are spring, summer, fall, and winter, and although various areas of the United States experience drastically different weather during these times, all portions of the country recognize the seasons; winter in California may bring heat, and winter in New York may bring blizzards, but both periods are nevertheless winter. Following winter, spring begins on 20 March and ends on either 20 June or 21 June, in the United States. For most, spring is a time of "thawing," when the cold and snow of the winter are replaced by sunshine, reasonable temperatures, green grass, and more. It is also the season wherein previously dormant bees and butterflies reemerge, and when birds become more active.

II. Identify the sound underlined and give the three term label. (5x1=5)

1. water
2. leisure
3. safe
4. regal
5. fith

Section B

III. Analyse the sentence patterns of the sentences given below. (5x1=5)

1. The medicines gave swimmers cramps.
2. Yesterday, it rained heavily.
3. Humans are mortals.
4. She sold Jenny her house.
5. She broke the lamp.

III. Disambiguate the following sentences. (5x2=10)

- a) We should discuss violence on TV
- b) Panda eats shoots and leaves
- c) Students cook and serve grandparents
- d) One million get shot to save themselves from Corona
- e) The chicken is ready to eat

Section C

IV. Write short notes on any four of the following in not more than 300 words. (4x5=20)

1. Fricatives
2. Tip of the Tongue Phenomenon
3. Dialects
4. IC Analysis
5. Allophones
6. Free and Bound Morphemes

V. Write an essay on the following in not more than 500 words. (5x10=50)

1. The demerits of IC Analysis
OR
The demerits of Traditional Grammar
2. The places of articulation with reference to English consonant sounds
OR
The various processes involved in speech articulation
3. Language as a signifying system
OR
Types of aphasia
4. Articulation of diphthongs
OR
Sentence Stress
5. Deep and Surface Structure
OR
Intonation and its types
