

B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2012  
BRANCH XII – ENGLISH  
FIRST SEMESTER

COURSE : ALLIED – CORE  
PAPER : INTRODUCTION TO LINGUISTICS  
TIME : 3 HOURS  
MAX. MARKS : 100

I. Give the phonemic transcription of the following words: (10x1=10)

- a. dark      b. blue      c. sky      d. keep      e. often  
f. through      g. curtains      h. shut      i. bright      j. though

II Write short notes on any FOUR of the following. (4x5=20)

- a. Word stress
- b. Homonymy and hyponymy
- c. Allophones
- d. Diphthongs
- e. Social and regional dialects
- f. Duality

III Analyse the sentence pattern in the following sentences. (5x2=10)

1. Sania plays the guitar in the evening.
2. I left the box open .
3. The chief guest gave the rank holders an award .
4. She will reach on Wednesday.
5. The game was interesting.

VI Answer the following. (4x15=60)

- 1 a. Distinguish between Human and Animal Communication.  
(OR)  
b. Write an essay on the pure vowels of the English language.
- 2 a. What are morphemes? Explain English Morphemes with appropriate illustrations.  
(OR)  
b. Explain the merits and demerits of IC Analysis.
- 3 a. How do deep and surface structure help in disambiguating sentences?  
(OR)  
b. Discuss the significance of semantics in the study of linguistics.
4. a. Classify English consonants based on the point and manner of articulation.  
(OR)  
b. Explain de Saussure's theory of signification.