

**STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI – 86**  
(For candidates admitted from the academic year 2023 – 2024 and thereafter)

**B. A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2024**  
**BRANCH XII - ENGLISH**  
**FIRST SEMESTER**

**COURSE** : **ALLIED CORE**  
**PAPER** : **INTRODUCTION TO LINGUISTICS**  
**SUBJECT CODE** : **23EL/AC/LG15**  
**TIME** : **3 HOURS**

**MAX. MARKS: 100**

Q. No.	SECTION A	CO	KL
1.	<b>Identify the sound underlined and give three-term labels for the following. (10x1=10 marks)</b>	1	K1
	i. _ pleasure ii. <u>m</u> urmur iii. grip iv. month <u>h</u> v. <u>ch</u> ocolate vi. <u>w</u> orld vii. flight <u>t</u> viii. little ix. <u>h</u> urry x. sizz <u>l</u> e		
2.	<b>Give IPA symbols for the given three-term labels. (5x1=5 marks)</b>	1	K1
	i. voiceless, velar, stop/plosive ii. voiced, palatal, approximant/semi-vowel iii. voiced, alveolar, nasal iv. voiceless, labio-dental, fricative v. voiced, alveolar, stop/plosive		
3.	<b>Plot the vowel on the vowel chart and label them. (5x1=5 marks)</b>	1	K1
	(i) / ɔ:/ (ii) /i/ (iii) / ɑ:/ (iv) / ʊ/ (v) / e/		
Q.No	SECTION B	CO	KL
4.	<b>Identify the sentence pattern in the following sentences. (5x2=10 marks)</b>	2	K2
	i. Ron gave Harry a new wand. ii. The results of the experiment were surprising. iii. Moushumi signed the contract. iv. The jury found the defendant guilty. v. The aroma wafted through the windows.		

5.	<b>Locate the primary stress in the given words. (5x2=10 marks)</b>	2	K2
	(i) auctioneer (ii) utilitarian (iii) ability (iv) freedom (v) translate		
<b>Q. No.</b>	<b>SECTION C</b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>KL</b>
6.	<b>Transcribe the following words using IPA symbols. (5x2=10 marks)</b>	3	K3
	(i) fear (ii) doodle (iii) wizard (iv) ecstasy (v) broth		
7.	<b>Attempt a morphemic analysis of the following words. (10x1=10 marks)</b>	3	K3
	(i) deer (ii) painted (iii) unconsciously (iv) multinational (v) children (vi) exploration (vii) disorient (viii) syllabify (ix) desks (x) carpet		
8.	<b>Attempt an IC analysis of the following sentences. (4x2.5=10 marks)</b>	4	K4
	(i) The little boys played soccer. (ii) Gretel lost her brother in the woods. (iii) My father has been working in Dubai. (iv) My friends spent the holiday in Tokyo.		
	<b>Answer any two of the following in about 75 words. (2x5=10 marks)</b>	4	K4
9.	Explain word stress and sentence stress with relevant examples.	4	K4
10.	Write a note on morphology in English with suitable examples.		
11.	Discuss the key principles of traditional grammar and evaluate their relevance and limitations in analysing language today.		

Q. No.	SECTION D	CO	KL
	<p><b>Answer any one of the following in about 150 words.</b>  <b>(1x10=10 marks)</b></p>	5	K5
12.	Critically evaluate the role of synonymy, antonymy, and polysemy in shaping meaning within natural language.		
13.	Analyse the significance of Saussure's linguistic sign (signifier and signified) within the context of modern semiotics. Provide examples to support your analysis.		
	<p><b>Answer any one of the following in about 150 words.</b>  <b>(1x10=10 marks)</b></p>	5	K6
14.	Critically assess the distinct characteristics of human language, such as arbitrariness, productivity, displacement, and cultural transmission. Use relevant examples to discuss how these features distinguish human language from other forms of communication and evaluate their roles in the evolution and complexity of linguistic systems.		
15.	Discuss how dialect, idiolect, and register reflect social, geographical, and situational factors, and evaluate their influence on communication within diverse communities. Use examples to explore how shifts in register or dialect may affect mutual understanding and social dynamics.		

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