

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI 600 086
(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2025-2026)

B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2026
ENGLISH AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS
SECOND SEMESTER

COURSE: CORE

COURSE TITLE: ASPECTS OF LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS – VISUALLY CHALLENGED

COURSE CODE: 25CE/MC/LG25

TIME: 3 HOURS

MAX. MARKS: 100

Q. No.	SECTION A	20 Marks	CO	KL
I. Fill in the blanks:		(10 x 1 = 10)		
1.	i) The study of rules governing the pronunciation of words, phrases and sentences is called _____. ii) _____ is a minimal distinctive sound unit. iii) During the production of _____ sounds, the air-stream escapes freely through the mouth without any obstruction or interference of the vocal organs. iv) _____ are also called as vowel glides. v) The way in which sounds influence each other is _____. vi) The English consonants are produced with _____ air-stream mechanism. vii) The full form of IPA is _____. viii) There are _____ consonant sounds in the English language. ix) According to Saussure, language is a system of _____. x) _____ is a study of the structure of words.	1	1	
II. State true or false:		(10 x 1 = 10)		
2.	i) Syntagmatic relation refers to the relationship between words that co-occur in the same sentence. ii) Lexical morphemes and functional morphemes are categories of bound morphemes. iii) Traditional grammar is descriptive. iv) Sounds that can be grouped together into a single phoneme are called allophones of that phoneme. v) IC analysis helps in disambiguating all types of sentences. vi) Saussure believes that meanings of words should be understood in isolation. vii) Noam Chomsky criticised the behaviorist theories of language acquisition. viii) Computational linguistics is the study of language in relation to society. ix) The different representations of a morpheme are called allomorphs. x) During the production of affricates, the air escapes through the mouth with an explosive noise.	1	1	

III. Identify the sentence pattern in the following sentences:		(5 x 2 = 10)	
3.	i) Life is short. ii) The players are practising. iii) Experience made Venmadhi an expert. iv) India will win the World Cup. v) Kabir told me a secret.	2	2
IV. Locate the primary stress in the given words:		(5 x 2 = 10)	
4.	i) Admiration ii) Leadership iii) Refugee iv) Photographer v) Footboard	2	2
V. Attempt a morphemic analysis of the following words:		(10 x 1 = 10)	
5.	i) Clownish ii) Acceptance iii) Replay iv) Sweeten v) Civility vi) Subconscious vii) Indefinitely viii) Humanitarian ix) Stardom x) Oxen	3	3
Q. No.	SECTION B	CO	KL
VI. Define any two of the following in about 75 words :		(2 x 5 = 10)	
6.	Bow-bow theory	3	3
7.	Elision		
8.	Empty morph		
9.	Homophones		
VII. Answer any four of the following questions in about 75 words each:		(4 x 5 = 20)	
10.	Discuss the three branches of phonetics.	4	4
11.	Examine the arbitrariness of linguistic signs.		
12.	Write a short note on allomorphs.		
13.	What are the merits and demerits of IC Analysis?		
14.	Distinguish between polysemy and homonymy.		
15.	Write a short note on langue and parole.		
16.	Explain the term idiolect with reference to your personal idiolect and its unique features.		
17.	Write a short note on the scope of Psycholinguistics.		

VIII. Answer any two of the following questions in about 150 words each:			
(2 x 10 = 20)			
18.	Write an essay on the classification of English consonants based on the manner of articulation.	5	5
19.	Discuss the characteristics of human language.		
20.	Assess the merits and demerits of traditional grammar.		
21.	Discuss any two applications of Computational Linguistics.		
