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(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2011–12 & thereafter)

SUBJECT CODE: 11EL/PC/LG24

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2013
BRANCH VII – ENGLISH
SECOND SEMESTER

COURSE : CORE
PAPER : LINGUISTICS
TIME : 3 HOURS

MAX. MARKS : 100

I. Attempt a phonemic transcription of the following passage: (1x10=10)

*A beetle loved a certain hare
And wandered with him everywhere
They went to fares and feasts together
Took walks in any kind of weather.*

*Talked of the future and the past
On sunny days or overcast
But since their friendship was so pleasant
Lived for the most part in the present.*

II. Give the three-term label of the phonemes the underlined letters. (1x5=5)

a) call b) bear c) style d) bang e) sleep

III. Analyse the sentence pattern in the following sentences. (1x5=5)

1. Sean goes to the gym in the evening
2. I saw the boy eating
3. The Principal gave the winners their certificates
4. She will leave next month
5. The programme was interesting.

IV. Disambiguate the following. (2x5=10)

- a. Walking Dogs
- b. Visiting Professors
- c. He beat the young girl with an umbrella
- d. Deepti made an excellent model
- e. Criminal Lawyer

V. Write short notes on any four of the following.**(4x5=20)**

- a. Pidgin and Creole
- b. Homonymy and Homophony
- c. Allomorphs
- d. Minimal Pairs
- e. Code – mixing
- f. Signifier and Signified

VI. Answer the following.**(5x10=50)**

1. a. The supra- segmental features like assimilation, elision etc influence the phonetic environment in connected speech. Discuss with examples.
(OR)
b. Distinguish between pure vowels and diphthongs and describe them.
2. a. What are morphemes. Explain English morphemes with appropriate illustrations.
(OR)
b. Explain the merits and demerits of IC Analysis.
3. a. Describe English consonants and classify them based on the point and manner of articulation .
(OR)
b. Explain the role of semantics in the study of linguistics.
4. a. Explain deep and surface structure. How do they help in disambiguating sentences?
(OR)
b. Explain de Saussure's theory of signification.
5. a. Distinguish between language and dialect. Explain regional and social dialects. Give suitable examples.
(OR)
b. Highlight the discrepancies in Traditional Grammar.
