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(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2009–10 & thereafter)

SUBJECT CODE: EL/PC/LG24

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2011
BRANCH VII – ENGLISH
SECOND SEMESTER

COURSE : CORE
PAPER : LINGUISTICS
TIME : 3 HOURS **MAX. MARKS : 100**

SECTION-A

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

*In the dark blue sky you keep,
And often through my curtains peep,
For you never shut your eye,
Till the sun is in the sky.*

*As your bright and tiny spark,
Lights the traveller in the dark,—
Though I know not what you are,
Twinkle, twinkle, little star.*

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

a) bath b) heam c) pile d) sing e) sleek

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

1. Sana plays the guitar in the evening.
2. I left the door open.
3. The chief guest gave the young children a box of sweets.
4. She will arrive next week.
5. The match was fantastic.

IV Disambiguate the following (2x5=10)

- a. Flying kites.
- b. Baby swallows fly.
- c. He beat the old man with a walking stick.
- d. Sakshi made an excellent model.
- e. Poor Laws.

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

- a. Semantic field
- b. Hyponymy and Polysemy
- c. Allophones
- d. Diphthongs
- e. Code – mixing
- f. Signifier and Signified

VI Answer the following.**(5X10=50)**

1. a. How do elision and assimilation change the phonetic environment in connected speech?

(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 manner of articulation.

(OR)

- b. Explain de Saussure's theory of sign.

- 5.a. Distinguish between Language and dialect. Explain regional and social dialects. Give suitable examples.

(OR)

- b. Highlight the discrepancies in Traditional Grammar.
