

**STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI 600 086**  
**(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2011– 12)**

**SUBJECT CODE: 11EL/AC/LG14**

**B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2011**  
**BRANCH XII – ENGLISH**  
**FIRST SEMESTER**

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

**I. Give the phonetic transcription of the following words. (10x1=10)**

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|------------|-----------|---------------|----------|--------------|
| a. history | b. write  | c. department | d. woman | e. treatment |
| f. stumble | g. father | h. freedom    | i. trees | j. jump      |

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

- a. Phoneme
- b. Nasal Consonants
- c. Semivowels
- d. Tone-groups
- e. Lexical Morpheme
- f. Idiolect
- g. Polysemy
- h. Deep and surface structure

**III. Identify the basic pattern of the following sentences (5x2=10)**

- a. He bought a new house last month.
- b. You must tell the police the truth.
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- d. He made his son a scientist.
- e. His uncle met with an accident.

**IV. Answer the following the questions. (4x15=60)**

1. a. What are the special features that distinguish human language from animal communication?

**OR**

- b. How does Saussure prove that language is a system of signs?

2. a. With the help of a diagram attempt a description of the vowel sounds in English.

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3. a. How do we analyse the structure of a sentence in IC analysis?

**OR**

- b. What are the limitations of traditional grammar?

4. a. What is the difference between free and bound morphemes?

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f. unethical      g. non conformist      h. impermanence      i. childhood      j. manage

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