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(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.
- c. Great men are happy.
- 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.

OR

- b. What is meant by diphthong ? Write a note on the diphthongs in English?

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?

OR

- b. How will you explain the terms synonymy and antonymy?
