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(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2011– 12 & thereafter)
SUBJECT CODE: 11EL/AC/LG14

B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2014
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: (1x10=10)

a. fear b. show c. creep d. knife e. forest
f. thirst g. poor h. play i. brag j. through

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

- a. Syllable stress
- b. Hyponymy
- c. Allophones
- d. Registers
- e. Plosives
- f. Cultural Transmission
- g. Cardinal vowels
- h. Signifier

III Analyse the sentence pattern in the following sentences. (5x2=10)

1. The young energetic girl was playing.
2. The conductor gave the passenger a ticket.
3. The Management selected Mrs Sharma the Dean.
4. Her dance was graceful.
5. The players celebrated the win happily.

VI Answer the following. (4x15=60)

- 1 a. Distinguish between Human and Animal Communication.
(OR)
b. How are English consonants classified? Explain with examples.
- 2 a. Define Morphemes. Explain English Morphemes with appropriate illustrations.
(OR)
b. Explain the terms homonymy, homophony, hyponymy and polysemy with examples.
- 3 a. How do deep and surface structures help in disambiguating sentences?
(OR)
b. Discuss the merits and demerits of IC Analysis in describing the structure of a sentence.
- 4 a. Define and describe the pure vowels and diphthongs of English.
(OR)
b. Write an essay on de Saussure's theory of signification.
