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(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2015– 16 and thereafter)
SUBJECT CODE: 15EL/AC/LG15

B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2018
BRANCH XII – ENGLISH
FIRST SEMESTER

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

SECTION – A

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

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| a) arrive | b) umbrella | c) leaf | d) measure | e) thank |
| f) great | g) later | h) cornea | i) anger | j) brush |

SECTION – B

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

- a) Jake left her a message.
- b) Mary fed the cat.
- c) The baby slept.
- d) The sea is beautiful.
- e) It is dark everywhere.

III. Attempt a morphemic analysis of the following words: (10x1=10)

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| 1) encouragement | 2) lifetime | 3)unlocking | 4) foxes | 5) transformed |
| 6) fearlessly | 7) loudest | 8) sheep | 9) hunted | 10) goodness |

IV. Give an IC analysis of the following sentences: (2x2 ½ =5)

- 1) The old tree swayed in the wind.
- 2) The man in the bowler hat is the detective.

SECTION – C

V. Write short notes on any four of the following in not more than 75 words each: (4x5=20)

- a) What are the main characteristics of human language?
- b) Discuss word stress with suitable examples.
- c) Differentiate between bound and free morphemes.
- d) Write a note on diphthongs.
- e) Discuss zero and empty morphs.
- f) What is intonation?

VI. Answer any three of the following in about 200 words each: (3x15=45)

- a) Discuss Saussure's views on language as a signifying system.
- b) Classify the consonant system in English, using the three term label.
- c) Why is IC analysis important? Substantiate your answer with suitable illustrations.
- d) What is semantics? How does semantics help in understanding the relationship between words?
- e) Discuss the characteristics of traditional grammar.
