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(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2015–16 and thereafter)

SUBJECT CODE: 15EL/PC/LG24

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2019
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)

A moth is not a moth in mother,
Nor both in bother, broth in brother,
And here is not a match for there
Nor dear and fear for bear and pear,
And then there's dose and rose and lose -
Just look them up - and goose and choose,
And cork and work and card and ward,
And font and front and word and sword,
And do and go and thwart and cart -
Come, come, I've hardly made a start!
A dreadful language? Man alive!
I'd mastered it when I was five!

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

a) park b) clear c) English d) rang e) steep

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

1. Ravi goes to the gym in the evening.
2. She heard the man scream.
3. The Chairman gave the winners their medals.
4. He will come tomorrow.
5. The match was thrilling.

IV. Disambiguate the following. (2x5=10)

1. The friends of the bride and the groom were standing in the garden.
2. Turn right here.
3. Hole found in the main road; police are looking into it.
4. They are hunting dogs.
5. The doctors help dog bite victims.

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

- a. Homonymy and Homophony
- b. Pidgin and Creole
- c. Allomorphs
- d. Voiced and Voiceless consonants
- e. Code-switching
- f. Signifier and Signified

SECTION C**VI. Answer the following.****(5x10=50)**

1. a. Describe English pure vowels and diphthongs.
(OR)
b. Explain the supra-segmental features in English. How do they influence the phonetic environment in connected speech?
2. a. Define Morphemes. Explain English morphemes with appropriate examples.
(OR)
b. What are the merits and demerits of IC Analysis?
3. a. Classify and describe English consonants based on the point and manner of articulation.
(OR)
b. How significant a role does semantics play in the study of linguistics? Support your argument with suitable examples.
4. a. Delineate the terms deep and surface structure to explain how they help in disambiguating sentences.
(OR)
b. Analyse de Saussure's theory of signification.
5. a. Distinguish between language and dialect. Explain regional and social dialects. Give suitable examples.
(OR)
b. Highlight the inadequacies of Traditional Grammar.
