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Time: 3 Hours Weightage: 30

Part A (Short Answer Questions)

Answer any **eight** questions.

Weight **1** each.

- 1. What is a speech community?
- 2. What is meant by acoustic phonetics?
- 3. What is the difference between intrusive 'r' and retroflex 'r'?
- 4. What is stress? Mark the stress in the word 'examination'.
- 5. What is embedding?
- 6. What is a morpheme?
- 7. What is blending?
- 8. Define synonymy with an example
- 9. What is contrastive analysis?
- 10. Explain Universal Grammar.

(8×1=8 weightage)

Part B (Short Essay/Problems)

Answer any **six** questions.

Weight **2** each.

- 11. Why is Ablaut significant?
- 12. What are the levels of linguistic analysis?
- 13. Differentiate phonetics and phonology



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- 14. State the chief demerits of traditional grammar.
- 15. What is the role of the lexicon in syntax?
- 16. Discuss inflectional and derivational affixes
- 17. Identify the strength in componential analysis.
- 18. Illustrate what is connotation?

(6×2=12 weightage)

Part C (Essay Type Questions)

Answer any **two** questions.

Weight **5** each.

- 19. Elucidate the effect that religion has had on the development of English with reference to the influence of The Bible on the language.
- 20. What is phonetics? Also discuss the air stream mechanisms and the organs of speech with appropriate diagrams and examples.
- 21. Trace the emergence of various theories on syntax.
- 22. What is the main approach that is usually attributed to the behaviouristic approach?

(2×5=10 weightage)

