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M.A.English - END SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS - APRIL 2025

SEMESTER - II

20PELCT2008 - Linguistics

Total Duration : 2 Hrs. 30 Mins.

Total Marks : 60

Section B

Answer any **SIX** questions ($6 \times 5 = 30$ Marks)

1. Identify the difference between the synchronic and diachronic study.
2. Explain the ideas of code switching and code mixing with appropriate examples.
3. Apply your knowledge of speech sounds and write the phonetic transcription for the given sentences.
 1. Life includes both opportunities and challenges.
 2. I want to become a professor.
 3. Make hay while the sun shines.
 4. Jimmy confessed his past to Annabel.
 5. The Principal will deliver the presidential address.
4. Classify the types of word formation process in detail.
5. List down the key aspects of competence and performance in linguistics as introduced by Noam Chomsky.
6. Prepare and write a brief note on properties of human language.
7. Interpret and brief on the following language varieties,
 - a. Dialect b. Register c. Pidgin d. Creole
8. Examine the term 'Morphology' and shed light on Morphemes, allomorphs and structure of words.

Section C

I - Answer any **TWO** questions ($2 \times 10 = 20$ Marks)

9. Show the significant contribution of Ferdinand de Saussure to the field of linguistics.
10. Relate the relationship between communicative competence and linguistic competence.

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11. Distinguish the role of form class and functional class within word class categorization. Does these impact our understanding of semantics and syntax in a given language?
12. Assess and diagnose the structure of transformative Generative grammar constituents with examples on your own.

II - Compulsory question (1 × 10 = 10 Marks)

13. Ascertain the classification of speech sounds substantiating necessary diagrams/charts.
