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

SEMESTER - II

20UELCT2004 - Introduction to Linguistics and Phonetics

Total Duration : 2 Hrs.30 Mins.

Total Marks : 60

Section B

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

1. Cite examples of how language changes over time. What factors contribute to such changes?
2. Explain the difference between consonant and vowel sounds in terms of their articulation and acoustic properties.
3. Classify different types of affixes (prefixes, suffixes, infixes) and explain their function in word. Provide examples for each.
4. Apply the principles of syntax to analyse a sentence of your choice. Break it down into its syntactic components and explain how the sentence follows syntact rules.
5. Illustrate the role of social factors (class, education and ethnicity) in regional language variation. Provide examples of how these factors influence speech patterns.
6. Resolve the debate over whether animal communication can be considered a form of language. Provide reasons to support your answer.
7. Explain the process of conversion in word formation. How does a word's grammatical category change through conversion.
8. Ascertain how bilingualism or multilingualism with in a region can contribute to language variation. Provide examples of regions where this is particularly evident.

Section C

Answer any **THREE** questions ($3 \times 10 = 30$ Marks)

9. Sketch a comparision between human language and animal communication in terms of productivity.

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10. Apply the concept of stress and intonation patterns to a specific sentence in English. How would altering the stress or intonation change its meaning.
11. Relate the process of morphological analysis to other areas of linguistic study such as syntax or phonology. How does Morphology interact with these areas?
12. Classify the type of meaning in Semantics. Explain each one.
13. Assess how language variation can contribute to or reinforce social stereotypes. What role does language play in the social construction of identity.
