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M.A. English - END SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS - NOVEMBER 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. Explain the contribution of Ferdinand de Saussure to modern linguistics.
2. Classify the English consonant sounds based on manner and place of articulation.
3. Explain three kinds of meaning in semantics with suitable examples.
4. Compare inflectional and derivational morphemes, illustrating with appropriate examples.
5. What are pidgin and creole languages? Give one example of each.
6. Point out two phonological and two grammatical differences between British and American English.
7. Describe the concept of Universal Grammar and its importance in language acquisition.
8. Differentiate between communicative competence and linguistic competence with suitable examples.

Section C

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

9. Describe the role of constituent structure in sentence formation, supporting your answer with examples of a noun phrase, a verb phrase, and a prepositional phrase.
10. Explain the concepts of code-switching and code-mixing in a bilingual or multilingual context. Provide examples.
11. Examine the different types of word formation in English with suitable examples.
12. Discuss the concepts of sign, signifier, and signified in Saussurean linguistics and their significance in semiotics.

II - Compulsory question ($1 \times 10 = 10$ Marks)

13. Classify English vowels with reference to tongue height, tongue position, and lip rounding.
