

Term End External Examination 1st Semester (Session-Feb 2025)

Subject: Functional English

Course No and Title: FEN122N/ Introduction to English Phonetics and Grammar

Time: 2.15 hours Max Marks:100 Min. Marks:40

Section A: Objective Type Questions

Q1. Choose the appropriate Answer: (8x1.5=12)

i. Human Language is:

- A Arbitrary B Symbolic
C Distinct D All of the above

ii. Dialect is a variation of language spoken by:

- A Specific group of people B General population
C Both a and b D None of these

iii. /f/ is a _____ consonant

- A Voiceless fricative B Voiced fricative consonant
C Plosive D Nasal

iv. /u:/ is a rounded _____

- A Long vowel B Short vowel
C Back vowel D Both a and c

v. The word SEA is transcribed as

- A /si:/ B /si/
C /sai/ D /c/

vi. The word syllable is

- A monosyllabic B Bisyllabic
C trisyllabic D None of these

vii. “head of cattle” is a

- A Classifier B Quantifier
C Qualifier D All of these

viii. Prescriptive Grammar focuses on:

- A How people think B How language should actually
language should be used be used
C Both a and b D None of these

Section-B: Descriptive Type Questions (Short Type)

Q2: Answer all the Questions (8 x 4 =32)

- i. What do you understand by a Language? What are its primary features?
- ii. Discuss English as a global language.
- iii. What do you understand by the organs of speech and how do they regulate the speech mechanism?
- iv. What are speech sounds? Define briefly consonants and vowels?
- v. Define IPA and what do you understand by Transcription?
- vi. How do you define stress and intonation in speech?
- vii. Define Prescriptive Grammar and its basic characteristics.
- viii. What are modals? Discuss the basic types of modals used in English language.

Section – C: Descriptive Type Questions (Medium Type)

Answer all the questions: (4 x 7=28)

Q3. How is Functional English different from the literary form of English? Discuss its practical application with examples.

OR

What are the various varieties of English? Explain with examples.

Q4. Define Phonetics and explain the speech mechanism in humans.

OR

Explain and Classify with examples all the consonant sounds in English language.

Q5. Explain the rules that govern all the spelling and sound patterns in English.

OR

Transcribe the following words and mark the stress also:

1. School, 2. Symposium, 3. Foundation, 4. Computer, 5.

Acknowledgement, 6. Highlight 7. World, 8. Sea, 9. Sheer, 10. Sesame, 11. Paper, 12. Question, 13. Agreement, 14. Description

Q6. What do you understand by descriptive grammar? Explain with examples.

OR

How do you define subject-verb agreement? Give examples.

Section – D: Descriptive Type Questions (Long Type)

Answer any two of the following: (2 x 14=28)

Q7. Discuss in detail the characteristics of Human Language and explain its differences with animal language.

Q8. What are vowels? Discuss their types and characteristics.

Q9. Define a syllable. Explain how the syllable division determines the stress and intonation pattern in words and sentences.

Q10. What is grammaticality and acceptability? Explain with detailed theoretical examples.