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(For the candidates admitted from 2012–13 onwards)

B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2017.

Fourth Semester

English Literature

Allied IV — LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

SECTION A — (20 marks)

I. Answer the following in about 30 words each:
(10 × 2 = 20)

1. What is language according to Derbyshire?
2. How is language species-uniform?
3. What is the difference between a polygot and a linguist?
4. What is called a proto-language?
5. Mention the levels of structure of the language?
6. What is register?

7. What were the most influential concepts of modern linguistics?
8. What does the linguistic sign consist of?
9. How is language structured?
10. What is called the substance of the language?

SECTION B— (25 marks)

II. Answer the following in about 100 words each.
(5 × 5 = 25)

11. (a) How is language arbitrary?
Or
(b) What are the ways in which animal communication differs from human communication?
12. (a) Write briefly on descriptive linguistics.
Or
(b) Explain the term Cognate. Give examples.
13. (a) Write short notes on Semantics And Pragmatics.
Or
(b) Bring out the relationship between several branches of linguistics.

14. (a) Distinguish Langue and Parole.
Or
(b) What is Sign? How does it help to understand language?
15. (a) Explain Paradigmatic and Syntagmatic relationship?
Or
(b) How does Saussure explain the priority of Synchronic over Diachronic study?

SECTION C— (30 marks)

- III. Answer any THREE of the following in about 200 words each: (3 × 10 = 30)
16. Discuss the various characteristics of language?
 17. Write an essay on linguistics as a science.
 18. Discuss the significance of several branches of linguistics.
 19. Trace the nature of the linguistic sign and the distinction between sign and symbol.
 20. Discuss the distinction made in linguistics between diachronic and synchronic approaches.