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BA DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, FEBRUARY 2026
Fifth Semester
B.A. English Language and Literature
B21EG05DC – English Language and Linguistics
(2022 admissions)

(Supplementary/Improvement)

Time: 3 Hours

Max Marks: 70

Section A

Answer any ten of the following questions in a word or sentence each. Each question carries 1 mark.

1. Which theory suggests that language originated from rhythmic grunts during physical labor?
2. Who coined the term 'duality of structure' in relation to human language?
3. What is the study of the relationship between language and culture called?
4. What are the most important social factors that affect one's language use?
5. Which Malayalam word for tapioca is used by Keralites from the Travancore region?
6. What is the term used for different versions of the same language that are mutually intelligible?
7. Name Panini's renowned grammar book in Sanskrit.
8. Identify the work that inaugurated Modern Linguistics.
9. What is the system of rules and conventions that forms the basis of a language?
10. Which air stream mechanism is used to produce most of the speech sounds in English?
11. What is the phenomenon where speakers switch between languages in a sentence?
12. Who devised the concept of cardinal vowels?
13. What is the smallest distinctive unit in a language?
14. Name the three parts of a syllable in English.
15. Identify the language disability particular to writing.

(1X10=10)

Section B

Answer any five of the following questions in two or three sentences each. Each question carries 2 marks.

16. What is compounding? Give two examples.
17. Define stress. What are its features?

18. What are voiceless sounds?
19. What is diglossia? Name the linguist who identified it.
20. Differentiate between monolingualism and bilingualism.
21. What do you mean by synchronic approach?
22. What are passive articulators?
23. Define vowel limit.
24. What are cardinal vowels? Name them.
25. What are consonant clusters?

(2X5=10)

Section C

Answer any six of the following questions in one page each. Each question carries 5 marks.

26. Difference between competence and performance.
27. What do you mean by bow-wow theory? Explain.
28. Enumerate the limitations of phrase structure grammar.
29. Transcribe the following sentences:
 - a. It is raining
 - b. Cats chase rats
 - c. You were late
 - d. Children like cookies
 - e. Go ahead
30. What are the key differences between inflectional and derivational suffixes?
31. Write five exclamatory sentences that express five different emotions--- surprise, joy, relief, anger, frustration.
32. Choose the suitable phrasal verb to fill in the blanks:
(look around, ask for, hang out, turn down, put off, call on)
 - a. Our proposal was----- by the principal.
 - b. I can't find my shoes, I will-----.
 - c. The university ----- the degree examination.
 - d. I used to ----- in malls.
 - e. He -----a cup of coffee.
33. Discuss the difference between an open class and a closed one.
34. Describe minimal pairs with suitable examples.
35. What are glide sounds? Provide examples.
36. Explain the three airstream mechanisms.
37. Identify the challenges faced by learners of second language.

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Section D

Answer any two of the following questions in three pages each. Each question carries 10 marks.

38. Explain the classification of consonant sounds based on three different criteria.
39. Frame ten sentences and indicate their subject, object, verb respectively.
40. Elucidate the various interdisciplinary branches of linguistics.
41. Explain monolingualism, multilingualism and bilingualism with reference to the development of a person's language skills.

(10X2=20)