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MASTER'S DEGREE (C.S.S) EXAMINATION, MARCH 2024
2023 ADMISSIONS REGULAR
SEMESTER II - CORE COURSE ENGLISH
EN2C09TM21 - English Language History and Contemporary Linguistics

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Weight : 30

Part A

I. Answer any Eight questions. Each question carries 1 weight

(8x1=8)

1. Enumerate the Middle English dialects.
2. Describe the distinctive features of Indo European family of Languages.
3. Describe the air-stream mechanism used in the production of speech sounds.
4. Explain clear // and dark // with an example.
5. Explain Latinate Fallacy.
6. Differentiate between syntagmatic and paradigmatic relations.
7. What are homophones and homonyms?
8. Explain prototypes.
9. Explain diglossia.
10. Write a short note on child language acquisition.

Part B

II. Answer any Six questions. Each question carries 2 weight

(6x2=12)

11. Examine the influence of the Bible translations in the evolution of English language.
12. Discuss briefly the significant events that influenced the formation of Modern English.
13. Explain Vocoids and Contoids.
14. Explain Phonemic and Allophonic transcription.
15. Explain the salient features and limitations of IC analysis.
16. Explain presupposition.
17. Explain denotation and connotation with an example.
18. Examine the interrelation between language and gender.

Part C

III. Answer any Two questions. Each question carries 5 weight

(2x5=10)

19. Transcribe the following and mark the stress: a. famous, blood, photography, politics, politician, photographer, conduct (n), conduct (v), present (n), present (v). b. Jack and Jill went up the hill To fetch a pail of water; Jack fell down and broke his crown, And Jill came tumbling after.
20. Trace the significant milestones in the history and evolution of English linguistics.
21. Explain the classification of affixes with appropriate examples.
22. Psycholinguists explore the complexity of human language use. Discuss.

