

**FOURTH SEMESTER BA DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2025**

**(Regular/Improvement/Supplementary)**

**FUNCTIONAL ENGLISH**

**GFEN4B05T: FUNDAMENTALS OF LINGUISTICS**

**Time: 2 ½ Hours**

**Maximum Marks: 80**

**SECTION A: Answer the following questions. Each carries *two* marks.**

**(Ceiling 25 marks)**

1. State the meaning of pragmatics.
2. Define Binarity.
3. What is meant by Ding-Dong theory?
4. Cite two differences between prescriptive and descriptive approach to grammar.
5. What is semantics?
6. Explain Derivation as a process of word formation.
7. What is suppletion?
8. Explain the term code switching.
9. What is morpheme?
10. Give four examples of onomatopoeic words.
11. What is meant by the term transferability in language?
12. What is meant by signifier?
13. Comment on Kernel sentence.
14. Define multilingualism.
15. What is corpus linguistics?

**SECTION B: Answer the following questions. Each carries *five* marks.**

**(Ceiling 35 marks)**

16. Distinguish between regional and class dialect.
17. Why is Langue and Parole an important part of human language?
18. What is competence and performance?
19. Differentiate between hyponymy and homonymy.
20. Write a note on traditional grammar and modern grammar.
21. What are the different theories related to the origin of language?
22. How does the paradigmatic and syntagmatic relationship affect language?
23. Differentiate between synchronic and diachronic lexicology.

**SECTION C: Answer any *two* questions. Each carries *ten* marks.**

24. What is meant by language death? Write a note on the different types of language death?
25. Attempt an essay on the contributions made by Ferdinand de Saussure.
26. Mention briefly the main process of word formation in the English language. Illustrate your answer with examples.
27. Write a note on Americanization with examples. What are the reasons for Americanization?

**(2 x 10 = 20 Marks)**