

FIFTH SEMESTER BA DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2023
(Regular/Improvement/Supplementary)

ENGLISH
GENG5B09T: LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS

Time: 2 ½ Hours

Maximum Marks: 80

SECTION A: Answer the following questions. Each carries *two* marks.
(Ceiling 25 Marks)

1. What is meant by 'register' in linguistics?
2. Cite one limitation of the 'Pooh-pooh' theory.
3. Define diglossia.
4. What is free variation?
5. Transcribe the following words: earth, music, clever, measure.
6. What is a syllabic consonant? Give two examples.
7. Give two examples each of endocentric compounds and exocentric compounds.
8. Mark primary stress on the following words:
(a) Conduct (verb) (b) above (c) examination (d) stream
9. What are nasal sounds? Give examples.
10. Give four examples of words with derivational suffixes.
11. Define portmanteau words.
12. With suitable examples, explain homophones.
13. What are semi-vowels?
14. Define idiolect.
15. What are minimal pairs? Give examples.

SECTION B: Answer the following questions. Each carries *five* marks.
(Ceiling 35 Marks)

16. Comment on the origin of human language.
17. Define sociolinguistics.
18. Write a short note on synchronic approach to language.
19. Discuss the important factors of semantic change.
20. What is Indian English (GIE)?
21. Distinguish between langue and parole.
22. Give a brief account of diphthongs in English.
23. What is IC Analysis?

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

24. What are the fundamental features that distinguish human language from animal communication?
25. Describe the various suprasegmental features.
26. How are consonants classified in the English language?
27. What is the definition and scope of morphology?

(2 x 10 = 20 Marks)