

M.A. English

Semester – II

MAEM23204T: BASICS OF LINGUISTICS, PHONETICS AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS

MAX. MARKS: 100

EXTERNAL: 70

INTERNAL: 30

PASS: 40%

Credits: 5

Objective:

The primary objective of this course is to examine the features of language units at phonological, morphological and syntactic levels. Besides, the knowledge and understanding of how a language works and how we communicate, and the skills developed along the way, will give the learners a solid foundation for a wide range of careers.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PAPER SETTER/EXAMINER:

1. The syllabus prescribed should be strictly adhered to.
2. The question paper will consist of five sections: A, B, C, D, and E. Sections A, B, C, and D will have two questions from the respective sections of the syllabus and will carry 15 marks each. The candidates will attempt one question from each section.
3. Section E will have four short answer questions covering the entire syllabus. Each question will carry 5 marks. Candidates will attempt any two questions from this section.
4. The examiner shall give a clear instruction to the candidates to attempt questions only at one place and only once. Second or subsequent attempts, unless the earlier ones have been crossed out, shall not be evaluated.
5. The duration of each paper will be three hours.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CANDIDATES:

Candidates are required to attempt any one question each from the sections A, B, C, and D of the question paper and any two short questions from Section E. They have to attempt questions only at one place and only once. Second or subsequent attempts, unless the earlier ones have been crossed out, shall not be evaluated.

Section - A

General Linguistics

What is Language?

Characteristics of Language

Fundamental Concepts in Linguistics

Language Variation

Morphology and Word Formation

Section - B

Applied Linguistics

Introduction to Applied Linguistics

Multilingualism and Language Learning (First Language Acquisition, Second Language Acquisition)

Disabilities

Behaviourism and Language Teaching

Semantics, Pragmatics, and Discourse Analysis

Section - C

Phonetics

Introduction to Phonetics

Speech Mechanism and Organs of Speech

Classification of Speech Sounds

The IPA Symbols

Transcription

Section - D

Communication Skills

Understanding Communication

Principles of Communication

Non-verbal Communication

Listening and Speaking

Reading

Suggested Readings:

1. Jones, Gimson and Ramsaran, English Pronouncing Dictionary, 14th ed. UBS.
2. Sethi, J. and P.V. Dhamija A Course in Phonetics and Spoken English, ND: Prentice Hall of India, 1990.
3. Sethi, J. and D.V. Jindal, a Handbook of Pronunciation of English Words, ND: Prentice Hall of India, 1993.
4. Bansal, R.K. and J.B. Harrison, Spoken English for India, ND: Orient Longman, 1972.
5. O'Connor, J.D. (1980). Better English Pronunciation (2nd ed.), Cambridge: CUP
6. Roach, Peter, English Phonetics and Phonology, Cambridge: CUP, 2000.
7. Jindal, D.V. and Pushpinder Syal, An Introduction to Linguistics, Prentice Hall India Learning Private Limited.
8. Yule, George, The Study of Language, Cambridge
9. <http://swayam.gov.in/>
10. <http://edx.org/> formerly <http://mooc.org/>
11. <http://epgp.inflibnet.ac.in/>