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Branch: English Language and Literature

CORE COURSE : PAPER IX

EL 231 LINGUISTICS AND STRUCTURE OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

(2017 Admission onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 75

I. Answer any **five** of the following questions.

1. Transcribe the following words and mark the stress appropriately:

(a) camouflage (b) yellow (c) delusion (d) example

2. Pidgin and creole

3. Homophones and homonyms

4. Imperative sentence

5. RP

6. Syntagmatic and paradigmatic

7. Ambiguity

8. Complex sentence

(5 × 2 = 10 Marks)

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II. Answer **any four** of the following in about 150 words each.

9. Transformational generative grammar
10. Morphemes and phonemes
11. Limitations of IC analysis
12. General Indian English.
13. Properties of human language
14. Synchronic and diachronic
15. Structural grammar
16. Rewrite as directed:
 - (a) Health is more precious than wealth (Change to an interrogative sentence)
 - (b) It is a shame that he does not look after his old mother. (Change to exclamatory)
 - (c) Can I ever forget our college days? (Change to assertive)
 - (d) Although there is inflation, the standard of living has gone up. (Change to a simple sentence)
 - (e) As soon as we heard the loud noise, we rushed to the spot. (Change to compound)

(4 × 5 = 20 Marks)

III. Write essays on any **two** of the following in about **500** words each.

17. Discuss the contribution of Noam Chomsky to linguistics.
18. Examine the classification of 'affixes'.
19. What are the major schools of thought in modern linguistics? Elaborate
20. What are the limitations of Traditional grammar? Describe.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)



21. Transcribe the passage below and mark the stress and intonation pattern appropriately:

You're a gardener, aren't you? Do you know anything about Busy Lizzies?

About what? Busy Lizzies? What on earth are they?

Oh, I thought you'd know. They're house plants. I've just been given one, by my sister, and I want to know how to look after it.

I'm afraid I don't know much about house-plants, but I've got a book somewhere here that might help.

Let's see. Ah, yes, here it is.

The Care of House – Plants' Mm, that looks useful.

(1 × 5 = 5 Marks)

22. Resolve the ambiguity in any **two** of the following sentences:

(a) Look at the cat with one eye.

(b) I took my mobile phone out of my bag and then left it on the train.

(c) The fire broke out in the forest near the river, but was extinguished before any major damage could be done by the local fire service.

(d) This should help prevent piracy of CDs by Americans.

(2 × 2.5 = 5 Marks)



23. Analyse any one of the following by using TG grammar:

- (a) This child beat the robot.
- (b) That brave woman chased the bull!
- (c) The sergeant shouted to the men.

(1 × 5 = 5 Marks)

