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English Language and Literature

Core Course

EL 231 : LINGUISTICS AND STRUCTURE OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

(2017 Admission Onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 75

- I. Answer **five** of the following questions.
 1. Transcribe the following words by putting the appropriate stress mark:
Autumn, civilization, education, academician, started.
 2. Pidgin and creole.
 3. Grammaticality and acceptability.
 4. Synchronic and diachronic.
 5. Find out the main and the subordinate clauses in the given sentence:
The book is so fascinating that I can't put it down.
 6. Discourse analysis.
 7. Differentiate between hyponymy and homonymy.
 8. Deep structure and Surface structure.

(5 × 2 = 10 Marks)

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II. Write short notes on **four** of the following, **each not exceeding 150 words**:

9. Competence and Performance.
10. IC Analysis.
11. Sociolinguistics.
12. American Structuralism and Bloomfield
13. Prescriptive and Descriptive Grammar.
14. Form class and function class words.
15. Transform any WH question based on T Rules.
16. Pragmatics.

(4 × 5 = 20 Marks)

III. Write an essay on **two** of the following, **each in about 4 pages**.

17. Explain the different types of sense relations in English.
18. Discuss the contributions of Bloomfield, Chomsky and Saussure.
19. Examine the traditional grammar and its fallacies.
20. Discuss the theoretical approach to TG Grammar.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)

21. Transcribe the following by putting the appropriate stress and intonation:

Jim: Is it really you Peter? What a pleasant surprise!

Peter: It is me.

Jim: Well, surprises will never cease. I was told you were in Tanzania. What were you doing there and when did you come back?

Peter: You're right. I am attached to the English department of the University of Tanzania. In fact I have been there for three years now. I arrived here just yesterday on a two-month holiday.

(1 × 5 = 5 Marks)



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

- (a) They can fish.
- (b) They are washing machines.
- (c) The chicken is ready to eat.
- (d) Visiting relatives can be boring.

(2 × 2.5 = 5 Marks)

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

- (a) John saw the snake.
- (b) The woman has not finished her lessons.
- (c) What did you see?

(1 × 5 = 5 Marks)

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