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FOURTH SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, JUNE 2016

(CUCSS)

English Language and Literature

EN 4E 24—LINGUISTICS

(2012 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 36 Weightage

I. Answer *all* the following questions in a word, phrase or sentences each :

- 1 What is the relationship between signifier and signified ?
- 2 Name two properties of linguistic symbols.
- 3 What is meant by Creativity of language use ?
- 4 What is Cultural Transmission ?
- 5 Define Case Grammar.
- 6 What is meant by Language Universals ?
- 7 Which school of linguistics did Bloomfield develop ?
- 8 What does a transformational rule do ?

(8 × ½ = 4 weightage)

II. Write a paragraph of about 150 words each on any *six* of the following :

- 9 C.F. Hockett's six design features.
- 10 The defects of Traditional Grammars.
- 11 Variations of Style.
- 12 Pidgin and Creole.
- 13 Stratificational Grammar.
- 14 Generative linguistics.
- 15 The Negation Transformation.
- 16 The role of psycholinguistics.
- 17 The influence of Cognitivism.
- 18 Karaka theory.

(6 × 2 = 12 weightage)

Turn over

III. Write essays of about 450 words each on any *four* of the following, choosing *one* from each section :

SECTION A

- 19 Linguistics is the scientific study of language. Discuss with suitable examples.
- 20 Examine the differences between human language and animal systems of communication.
- 21 Examine the suprasegmental features of language.

SECTION B

- 22 What are the major premises of psycholinguistics ?
- 23 The major differences between the behaviourist and cognitivist approaches.
- 24 The contribution of stylistics.

SECTION C

- 25 IC Analysis.
- 26 TG Grammar as an improvement over Structural Grammar.
- 27 The post-TG scenario in linguistics.

SECTION D

- 28 Noam Chomsky's contributions to linguistics.
- 29 Comparison of the Geneva School and the Copenhagen School.
- 30 Bloomfield and American Structuralism.

(4 × 5 = 20 weightage)