

**PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE  
(AUTONOMOUS)**

**MA DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2022  
(First Semester)**

**Branch – ENGLISH**

**THE STUDY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 50 Marks

**SECTION-A (5 Marks)**

Answer **ALL** questions

**ALL** questions carry **EQUAL** marks (5 x 1 = 5)

1. State the name of the Bishop whose translations of the Christian Gospels in pieces stand as a record of Gothic language belonging to Primitive Germanic.
  - a) David Urquhart
  - b) Ulfilas
  - c) Gavin Collins
  - d) Karowei Dorgu
2. Name the syncopated word with its original among the following.
  - a) to do on became to don
  - b) Tuberculosis to T.B.
  - c) Henes became hence
  - d) an orange became a norange
3. Find out the meaning of an allophone from the given options.
  - a) an individual unit of sound
  - b) a minimum meaningful unit
  - c) one articulation of a phoneme
  - d) a continuous friction
4. Identify the role of cohesion in a paragraph.
  - a) connecting the subthemes and topics
  - b) connecting the nouns and adjectives
  - c) connecting the verbs and adverbs
  - d) connecting the sentences
5. Match the meaning of the term “diglossia” with the right one in the following options.
  - a) bilateral
  - b) biennium
  - c) bilingual
  - d) biunique

**SECTION - B (15 Marks)**

Answer **ALL** Questions

**ALL** Questions Carry **EQUAL** Marks (5 x 3 = 15)

- 6 a Illustrate the variations in Grimm’s Law and Verner’s Law.  
OR  
b Analyze the basic features of Old English.
- 7 a Discuss the reactions against “Standard English.”  
OR  
b Explain any five ways of Word formation in English.
- 8 a Evaluate the nature of Diphthongs in Speech.  
OR  
b Analyze the difference between Spoken and Written English.
- 9 a Sketch the “Phrase Structure Rules.”  
OR  
b Classify the semantics roles of the usages in English.
- 10 a Show with examples the relationship between language and society.  
OR  
b Discuss the possible ways to evade gender-specific stereotypes while using a language.

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**SECTION -C (30 Marks)**

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks

(5 x 6 = 30)

- 11 a Elucidate the origin of the English language in detail.  
OR  
b Construct the variations to be noticed in American and other varieties of English.
- 12 a Classify the ways through which many words entered into the dictionary of English Language  
OR  
b Enumerate the concepts of Pragmatics with proper examples.
- 13 a Compare and contrast the vowel and consonant sounds of English Language by describing the organs involved in the production of the same.  
OR  
b Transcribe the following passage:  
Since many newspapers – especially their headlines – have little space to explain things in depth, they have developed a special vocabulary of their own. It features short words and tends to leave out articles and auxiliary verbs. Thus, they use “back” for “support”, “deal” for “agreement”, “ban” for “prohibit”, “talk” for “discussion, negotiation”, “probe” for “investigate”, and so on. It also includes colourful words to draw the eye and add interest to a story. So prices don’t “go up quickly”, they “rocket”, police don’t “hurry” to the scene of the crime, they “race”, and so on. A headline that reads “Drugs probe backs cig ban” might translate as “An investigation into drug abuse supports the prohibition of cigarette smoking
- 14 a Evaluate the application of the traditional grammar in English.  
OR  
b Appraise the function of IC analysis with appropriate example.
- 15 a Differentiate the learning process of first and language of a human being.  
OR  
b Assess the significance of the English Language in the modern world..

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