

**PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE  
(AUTONOMOUS)  
MA DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2025  
(First Semester)  
Branch - ENGLISH**

**THE STUDY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 75 Marks

**SECTION-A (10 Marks)**

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL marks

(10 × 1 = 10)

Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	The most popular dialect in the Middle English period was the _____ a) North midland b) West midland c) East midland d) midland	K2	CO1
2	The old English nouns had a three gender system--- a) Neuter, masculine, female b) gender, neuter, Feminine c) Woman, Gender, Feminine d) Masculine, feminine, neuter	K2	CO1
3	When two or more different written forms have the same pronunciation, they are described as _____ a) Homonyms b) Prototypes c) homophones d) Polysemy	K4	CO2
4	--- maxim: Do not say that which you believe to be false or for which you lack adequate evidence. a) The Relation b) The manner c) The Quality d) The Quantity	K4	CO2
5	Vowels can also be classified according to the part of the _____ a) Tongue height b) Tongue Raised c) lip position d) oral cavity	K4	CO3
6	The Pitch of the voice is determined by the vibration of the _____ a) cards b) Vocal cards c) tone d) Tone language	K4	CO3
7	_____ is the minimal distinctive unit in the sound system of a language. a) Voccoid b) A Phoneme c) contoid d) Allophones	K4	CO4
8	In TG Grammar, Transformations help to relate the _____ to the _____ structure a) structure, deep b) surface, structure, c) Surface structure, Deep Structure d) Deep structure, Surface structure	K4	CO4
9	The word Diglossia means--- a) Two or more language b) more language c) one or two language d) side or one language	K5	CO5
10	_____, or the expectations associated with being male or female, are learned in one's culture throughout childhood and into adulthood. a) Gender b) Gender Roles c) roles Gender d) roles	K5	CO5

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**SECTION - B (35 Marks)**

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks

(5 × 7 = 35)

Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
11.a.	Write an essay on the Latin element in Old English.	K2	CO1
(OR)			
11.b.	What are the chief characteristics of Modern English?		
12.a.	Bring out how Speech Acts are important in Pragmatics.	K4	CO2
(OR)			
12.b.	What are the different mechanisms of Word- formation?		
13.a.	What are Allophones? Describe with examples.	K4	CO3
(OR)			
13.b.	How do you differentiate between 'pure vowels' and 'diphthongs'?		
14.a.	What limitations of the PS grammar were removed by the TG grammar?	K4	CO4
(OR)			
14.b.	What is meant by morphophonemic alternation?		
15.a.	How are language and linguistics related to each other?	K5	CO5
(OR)			
15.b.	What are the recent influences in English language?		

**SECTION - C (30 Marks)**

Answer ANY THREE questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks

(3 × 10 = 30)

Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
16	Draw a picture of language families and how can you describe languages in terms of 'genetic relationships'?	K2	CO1
17	Briefly explain what are the semantic changes in the history of the English language?	K4	CO2
18	What are the General rules of pronunciation in English? –Discuss.	K4	CO3
19	Show the importance of Deep and Surface structures in T.G. grammar.	K4	CO4
20	Describe the major areas of the brain and their functions.	K5	CO5

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