

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE  
(AUTONOMOUS)

BA DEGREE EXAMINATION DECEMBER 2025  
(Second Semester)

Branch - ENGLISH

**INTRODUCTION TO ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS**

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 75 Marks

**SECTION-A (10 Marks)**

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL marks

(10 × 1 = 10)

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	1	Who introduced the terms <i>Langue</i> and <i>Parole</i> ? a) Chomsky b) Saussure c) Bloomfield d) Halliday	K1	CO1
	2	Which of the following is <u>NOT</u> a characteristic of language: a) Arbitrary b) Dynamic c) Fixed and Unchanging d) Systematic	K2	CO1
2	3	List the correct term for the study of language change over time: a) Synchronic                      b) Diachronic c) Pragmatics                      d) Morphology	K1	CO2
	4	Classify which of the following is a free morpheme: a) -ness b) un- c) book d) -ly	K2	CO2
3	5	Name the smallest unit of sound that distinguishes meaning: a) Grapheme b) Phoneme c) Morpheme d) Syllable	K1	CO3
	6	Compare and pick the voiceless consonant from the given options: a) /b/ b) /v/ c) /f/ d) /m/	K2	CO3
4	7	Identify the process of breaking a sentence into smaller meaningful parts: a) Parsing                                      b) IC Analysis c) Register analysis                      d) Graphology	K1	CO4
	8	The sentence "John kicked the ball" follows which basic sentence pattern? a) S-V b) S-V-O c) S-V-C d) S-V-A	K2	CO4
5	9	Choose the branch of linguistics that deals with meaning: a) Morphology                                      b) Syntax c) Semantics                                      d) Phonology	K1	CO5
	10	A dictionary that gives word origins is called: a) Bilingual b) Etymological c) Synonym dictionary d) Lexicon	K2	CO5

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**SECTION - B (35 Marks)**

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks

(5 × 7 = 35)

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	11.a.	Analyze the characteristics of human language.	K4	CO1
		(OR)		
	11.b.	Examine Saussure's distinction between Langue and Parole with examples.		
2	12.a.	Compare synchronic and diachronic approaches to language study and explain their significance.	K4	CO2
		(OR)		
	12.b.	List the following morphological processes of word formation such as <i>derivation, compounding, clipping, blending, abbreviation</i> with examples.		
3	13.a.	Explain the three-term labels of the pure vowels and illustrate them with a vowel diagram.	K5	CO3
		(OR)		
	13.b.	Evaluate the importance of syllable structure and stress in English pronunciation.		
4	14.a.	Defend the principles of IC analysis in revealing sentence structure with an example.	K5	CO4
		(OR)		
	14.b.	Critique the limitations of phrase structure rules with examples.		
5	15.a.	Discuss the various types of dictionaries.	K6	CO5
		(OR)		
	15.b.	Propose the key linguistic features that make a dictionary effective.		

**SECTION - C (30 Marks)**

Answer ANY THREE questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks

(3 × 10 = 30)

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	16	Examine the role of linguistics as a science and justify its contribution in understanding human communication.	K4	CO1
2	17	Evaluate the functions and categories of grammar in English and support your answer with examples.	K5	CO2
3	18	Analyze the classification of consonants and vowels in English phonology.	K4	CO3
4	19	Judge the relevance of phrase structure rules in modern linguistics with suitable examples.	K5	CO4
5	20	Discuss in detail Semantics and Pragmatics.	K6	CO5

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