

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
(AUTONOMOUS)
BA DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2026
(Second Semester)

Branch- **ENGLISH LITERATURE**

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 distinction between Langue and Parole? a) Chomsky b) Saussure c) Bloomfield d) Halliday	K1	CO1
	2	Which of the following best explains the arbitrariness of language? a) Words always resemble objects b) Words have natural meanings c) The relationship between word and meaning is conventional d) Words never change meaning	K2	CO1
2	3	The study of language variation across time is called: a) Synchronic b) Diachronic c) Stylistic d) Pragmatic	K1	CO2
	4	Which of the following is a bound morpheme? a) book b) happy c) un- d) table	K2	CO2
3	5	The smallest distinctive unit of sound is called a: a) Syllable b) Morpheme c) Phoneme d) Grapheme	K1	CO3
	6	Which of the following sounds is a vowel? a) /b/ b) /t/ c) /i:/ d) /k/	K2	CO3
4	7	A sentence containing only a subject and verb is called: a) Transitive pattern b) Intransitive pattern c) Complex pattern d) Compound pattern	K1	CO4
	8	IC analysis divides a sentence into: a) Sounds b) Words c) Immediate constituents d) Registers	K2	CO4
5	9	The branch of linguistics concerned with meaning is: a) Syntax b) Phonology c) Semantics d) Morphology	K1	CO5
	10	Pragmatics mainly studies: a) Word formation b) Contextual meaning c) Sound patterns d) Sentence structure	K2	CO5

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.	Explain the characteristics of human language with examples.	K2	CO1
	(OR)			
	11.b.	Explain in brief the branches of linguistics.		

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2	12.a.	Explain the differences between dialect and register with examples.	K2	CO3
	(OR)			
	12.b.	Classify the types of language variation with examples.		
3	13.a.	Describe the classification of English consonants with examples.	K3	CO2
	(OR)			
	13.b.	Describe the vowel sounds of English with suitable examples.		
4	14.a.	Analyze the basic sentence patterns in English.	K4	CO5
	(OR)			
	14.b.	Analyze the process of IC analysis with an example.		
5	15.a.	Analyze the relationship between semantics and pragmatics.	K4	CO4
	(OR)			
	15.b.	Analyze the principles of lexicography with examples.		

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	Explain the scope and branches of linguistics with suitable examples.	K2	CO1
2	17	Explain the structure of words and the main processes of word formation.	K2	CO5
3	18	Describe the three-term label classification of Consonants & Vowels with suitable vowel chart.	K3	CO2
4	19	Analyze the limitations of IC analysis in understanding sentence structure with an illustration.	K4	CO5
5	20	Analyze the role of semantics in understanding meaning in communication.	K4	CO4

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