

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
(AUTONOMOUS)

MA DEGREE EXAMINATION DECEMBER 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)

Choose the correct answer:

1. When did Old English become Modern English?
(i) 12th Century (ii) 13th Century
(iii) 14th Century (iv) 15th Century
2. Who is the founder of pragmatics?
(i) Peirce (ii) Saussure
(iii) Chomsky (iv) Bloomfield
3. Which is another name of monophthong?
(i) pure vowel (ii) semi-vowel
(iii) back vowel (iv) front vowel
4. What is IC analysis?
(i) word analysis (ii) phrase analysis
(iii) clause analysis (iv) sentence analysis
5. What does a variety of languages used in different social situation refer to?
(i) dialect (ii) idiolect
(iii) register (iv) diglossia

SECTION - B (15 Marks)

Answer ALL Questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL marks

(5 x 3 = 15)

6. a. Discuss the characteristics of Modern English.
OR
b. Show the difference between British English and American English.
7. a. State how words change meaning.
OR
b. Write a note on coherence.
8. a. Explain nasal sounds with example.
OR
b. Differentiate between stressed syllables and unstressed syllables.
9. a. Write a brief note on 'Morpheme'.
OR
b. Illustrate structural grammar with examples.
10. a. Distinguish between dialect and idiolect.
OR
b. Explain gender-sensitive language.

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SECTION -C (30 Marks)

Answer **ALL** questions

ALL questions carry **EQUAL** marks

(5 x 6 = 30)

11. a. Trace the origin and descent of the English language.

OR

b. Elaborate the main branches of Indo-European family of languages.

12. a. Discuss any four ways by which new words are formed in English.

OR

b. Summarise discourse analysis.

13. a. Classify consonants with examples.

OR

b. Elaborate various kinds of intonation.

14. a. Elucidate traditional concepts related to grammar.

OR

b. Discuss the limitation of IC Analysis.

15. a. Show how a person learn first and second language.

OR

b. Evaluate the role of English language in the 21st Century.

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