

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE  
(AUTONOMOUS)

BA DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2022  
(Second Semester)

Branch – ENGLISH

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 50 Marks

PART - A

I. Answer the following Choosing the right answer from the choices: (5X1=5)

1. The smallest unit of 'spoken language is' \_\_\_\_\_.  
i) Phoneme      ii) Syntax      iii) Semantics      iv) Morphemes
2. \_\_\_\_\_ means the repetition of sounds at the start of a word in two or more words in close proximity.  
i) Archetype      ii) Metonymy      iii) Alliteration      iv) Analogy
3. The study of human speech sounds in a language that form systemized pattern is called \_\_\_\_\_.  
i) Phonology      ii) Phonetics and Phonology      iii) Articulars      iv) Phonetics
4. The Bacteria in milk are destroyed when it \_\_\_\_\_ heated to 80 degree Celsius.  
i) will be      ii) would be      iii) is      iv) was
5. \_\_\_\_\_ is a term used in linguistics to describe a complete set of all possible words in a language, or a subset of words that are grouped according to specific linguistic criteria.  
i) Structure      ii) Lexis      iii) Analogy      iv) Nexis

PART - B

Answer the following questions in about 150 words each : (5X3=15)

1. a) Write a short note on the characteristic of English Language.  
OR  
b) Write a brief note on the theories of the origin of English Language.
2. a) What are the techniques in English Language?  
OR  
b) Write an essay on the problems of parts of speech in linguistics.
3. a) What is meant by phonatory system?  
OR  
b) How the vowels in English are classified?
4. a) Write an essay on the importance of grammatical usage in English Language.  
OR  
b) List out the parts of speech in English.
5. a) Write any three examples of Lexis in English language.  
OR  
b) What are the types of Lexis?

PART - C

Answer the following questions in about 350 words each: (5X6=30)

1. a) Write a short History of English Language.  
OR  
b) Differentiate the Old and Middle English Language.

2. a) Write any five techniques in English Language.  
OR  
b) Write a note on Sociolinguistics.
3. a) What are the major concerns of Phonology?  
OR  
b) Discuss the salient features in phonology.
4. a) Write an essay on Tenses in English.  
OR  
b) Illustrate "sentence pattern" in English with examples.
5. a) Write an essay on role of lexis in the English Language classroom.  
OR  
b) How do you recognize lexical basis in English Language?

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