

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
(AUTONOMOUS)

MA DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2024
(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)

1. The Standard Pronunciation of English is otherwise known as -----
a) Right Pronunciation b) Received Pronunciation
c) Standard English d) Received Standard
2. What is a word used for a lift in American English?
a) Elevator b) raiser c) vestibule d) up- chane
3. The study of the origin and history of a word is known as its -----
a) Neologism b) etymology c) graphology d) genesis
4. Two or more words with very closely related meanings are called -----
a) Hyponyms b) Antonyms c) synonyms d) metonyms
5. The Vowel diagram ----- lip position.
a) indicates b) represents
c) does not represent d) shows
6. Vowels occur into--- position of the syllable.
a) Peripheral b) marginal c) final d) nuclear
7. Identify the correct pattern of the given sentence.
Rita became a nurse after her mother.
a) S+V+O b) S+V+IO+DO c) S+ V+C+A d) S+V+A
8. The process of analyzing all structures through binary cuts is called -----
a) IC analysis b) TR analysis c) analysis d) CI analysis
9. At what age is an infant capable of distinguishing between [ba] and [ga]?
a) Cooing b) crying c) babbling d) None of these
10. Who introduces the idea a language is a collection of more or less similar
idiolects?
a) Charles Hockett b) Hockett
c) Charles Carroll d) Michael Gregery

SECTION - B (35 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks (5 × 7 = 35)

11. a) Show how American English Pronunciation differ from 'RP'?
(Or)
b) How did the Norman Conquest affect the character of English?

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12. a) Write a short note on the following:
a. Hyponymy b. Autonomy c. Polysemy d. Homonymy.
(Or)
b) What is the difference between 'Cohesion' and 'Coherence'?
13. a) Give a short note on 'Received Pronunciation'.
(Or)
b) What are supra- segmental features?
14. a) Distinguish 'Free morphemes' and 'Bound Morphemes'.
(Or)
b) Define – 'Transitivity'.
15. a) How important is the brain's function in man's ability to speak?
(Or)
b) What are the recent trends in linguistic- analysis?

SECTION -C (30 Marks)

Answer **ANY THREE** questions

ALL questions carry **EQUAL** Marks (3 × 10 = 30)

16. What theories have been suggested to explain how language first began? What are the weaknesses of these theories?
17. Bring out the importance of vocabulary in language learning and teaching.
18. Discuss word stress and stress shift with examples.
19. Explain the concepts of 'Generation' and 'Transformation'.
20. Explain the concepts of gender- justice in language use.

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