



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – ENGLISH LITERATURE

FOURTH SEMESTER – APRIL 2015

EL 4953 - SOCIOLINGUISTICS

Date : 22/04/2015

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time : 09:00-12:00

PART-A

I. Write notes on **ANY FOUR** of the following in not more than 75 words. **(4x5=20)**

1. Write a short note on ethnography of communication.
2. What do you understand by Bilingualism?.
3. How does religion influence one's language?.
4. Explain the terms 'idiolect' and 'sociolect'
5. Dialects and accents.

II. Answer **ANY TWO** of the following in about 400 words each . **(2x15=30)**

1. The codes elaborated and restricted are acquired through exposure to different speech models. Explain.
2. Highlight the contribution of 'sapir-whorf' hypothesis in the study of language and culture.
3. Analyze the circumstances and causes for code choice, code-switching and code-mixing in discourse.

PART-B

I. Write notes on **ANY FOUR** of the following in not more than 75 words . **(4x5=20)**

1. Registers
2. Creolization.
3. Semantic relativity
4. How did pidgin emerge?
5. The importance of Sociolinguistics today.

II. Answer **ANY TWO** of the following in about 400 words each . **(2x15=30)**

1. Define and describe speech events.
2. Explain the concept of language and inequality in terms of subjectivity, strictly linguistic and communicative aspects.
3. Consider the concept, definitions and variations in speech community.
