LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION - ENGLISH LITERATURE
FIRST SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2011
EL 1804 - LINGUISTICS

Date : 03-11-2011   Dept. No.   Max. : 100 Marks
Time : 1:00 - 4:00

Part A

I.   **Write short notes on any two of the following in about 50 words each.   (2x5=10 marks)**
1. Universal grammar according to Chomsky.
2. Write a short note on Psycholinguistics.
3. Cognitive ability vs. behaviourism.

II.   Answer any two of the following in about 200 words each.   (2x10=20 marks)
1. Explain the supra segmental features in phonology.
2. Explain the English vowels with their diagrams of articulation.
        (**For visually challenged students only:** Explain the theoretical framework of the place and manner of articulation to all the English consonants)

3. Transcribe the following words: **a) Confession   b) Comfort   c) Desire   d) Mutual   e) Productivity**
(For visually challenged students only: Point out rules and guidelines to be kept in mind while transcribing and marking the stress for the words in English)

III.   Answer any one of the following in about 400 words each.   (1x20=20 marks)
1. Explain the nuances of study and use of language according to Bloomfield in his book **Language**.
2. A bird's eye view on the contribution made by Chomsky and other linguists in the field of Linguistics in the 20th century.

Part B

IV Answer any FIVE of the following questions in about 50 words each   (5 x 2 =10 marks)
1. Write a note on any one system of Language.
2. What is Diachronic study of a language?
3. What is 'Given' information in Grammar?
4. Write a note on Dative case.
5. Write on any one feature of Context.
6. What is Generative Semantics?

V Answer any TWO of the following questions in about 150 words each   (2 x 10 =20 marks)
1. What is the relevance of Form in Meaning?
2. Write an explanatory note on Taxonomic Grammar.
3. What is Semiotic Triangle?

VI Answer the following question in about 300 words   (20 marks)
Explain Phrase Structure Grammar.
(Or)
Write an essay on Collocational theory with apt examples.
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