LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION - ENGLISH LITERATURE

FIFTH SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2015

EL 5502 - LINGUISTICS

Date : 03/11/2015   Dept. No.   Max. : 100 Marks
Time : 09:00-12:00

PART – A

I. Write short notes on two of the following: (2 x 5 = 10)

1.   Define a phoneme.
2.   Why is linguistics a science and not an art?
3.   What is the minimal pair test? Illustrate.

II. Write short essays on any two of the following in about 200 words: (2 x 10 = 20)

4.   Write on the places of articulation?
5.   Differentiate between prescriptive and descriptive grammar
6.   Define the diphthongs with illustrations.

III. Answer the following essay questions in about 300 words: (1 x 20 = 20)
7.   What are plosives? Describe each and illustrate with examples.
                    (OR)
8.   Explain the Air Stream Mechanism.

PART – B

I. Write short notes on any two of the following: (2 x 5 = 10)

1.   How do you define meaning?
2.   Define syntax.
3.   What are phrase structure rules?

II. Write short notes on any two of the following in about 200 words each: (2 x 10 = 20)

4.   Why is the lexical approach preferred by linguists than grammar?
5.   What are the branches of linguistics?
6.   Define pragmatics.

III. Answer the following in 300 words: (1 x 20 = 20)

7.   Explain how surface structure and deep structure works in meaning. Give illustrations.
                    (OR)
8.   Explain the importance of context in Semantics.

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