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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – ENGLISH LITERATURE

FOURTH SEMESTER – APRIL 2014

EL 4953 - SOCIOLINGUISTICS

Date : 07/04/2014
Time : 01:00-04:00

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Max. : 100 Marks

I. Answer all the TEN of the following in a word or two:

(10 x 2 =20 marks)

1. The Ethnography of Communication is a method of _____ in linguistics.
2. _____ explains the linguistic incompetence found in the lower class children.
3. The principle of _____ believes that language influences the cognitive process.
4. Foucault used the term _____ to talk about whole ideological regimes that permeate consciousness of the people.
5. _____ adopts the model of social studies, studying behaviour.
6. _____ is a variety of a language that developed from a -----and is used as a first language by a population of native speakers.
7. _____ is the process whereby knowledge of a language is passed from one generation to the next.
8. A biological distinction between male and female in Sociolinguistics is called _____.
9. A distinction between the social roles of men and women is called _____.
10. _____ is the way in which each speaker takes a _____ in conversation.

II. Answer any FIVE of the following in 250 words each:

(5 x 10 = 50 marks)

11. Critically analyze the Whorfian hypothesis and the principle of linguistic relativity.
12. Distinguish Formal linguistics from Sociolinguistics.
13. Define the terms: 1. Speech Community & 2. Discourse Analysis.
14. Consider the role of Boas and Sapir in Sociolinguistics.
15. Bring out the difference between dialect and sociolect with examples.
16. How did pidgin emerge? How does pidgin differ from Creole?.
17. Explain speech as a social interaction.

III. Answer any TWO of the following in 400 words each:

(2 x 15 = 30 marks)

18. Attempt an essay on language and social inequality.
19. Write a long note on code, code mixing and code switching.
20. Explain in detail the kingship between 'language' 'culture' and 'thought'.
21. Enumerate and explain the different stages in the Sociolinguistics of a child.
