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**FIFTH SEMESTER (CBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION
NOVEMBER 2025**

English

ENG 5B 09—LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS

(2019 Syllabus)

Time : Two Hours and a Half

Maximum : 80 Marks

*Answer the following questions in two or three sentences.
2 marks each.*

1. Distinguish between phonology and phonetics.
2. Define assimilation and provide illustrative examples.
3. What are Homonyms ? Provide examples.
4. What is discourse analysis ?
5. What is lexical ambiguity ?
6. What is a Juncture ?
7. What is a *Register* ?
8. Explain *Isogloss*.
9. What are functional words ?
10. Explain the concept of complementary distribution.
11. What is the primary difference between vowels and consonants ?
12. What is surface structure in the context of generative grammar ?
13. Provide an example of a complex sentence.
14. Mark the intonation :
 - a) Why are you late ? (expressed angrily)
 - b) This is wonderful ! (expressed excitedly)

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15. Provide the phonetic transcription :

- a) Language ;
- b) Fire ;
- c) Minister ; and
- d) Ground.

(Ceiling 25 marks)

Answer the following questions in a paragraph.

5 marks each.

- 16. Describe the components and organization of syllables.
- 17. Explain the relationship between Saussure's concepts of *langue* and *parole*.
- 18. Discuss the various processes involved in word formation.
- 19. Write a note on the classification of consonants based on their place of articulation.
- 20. Write a note on the organs of speech.
- 21. Explain cardinal vowels.
- 22. Explain different types of sentences based on their structure.
- 23. Describe the key properties that distinguish human language from animal communication system.

(Ceiling 35 marks)

Answer any two out of the four questions in an essay.

- 24. Write an essay on how to perform IC analysis, detailing the process of binary cuts and highlighting its limitations.
- 25. Write an essay on the classification of vowels in English.
- 26. Discuss the various theories related to the origin of language.
- 27. Analyze the structural classifications and inherent types of morphemes, demonstrating their roles within linguistic systems.

(2 × 10 = 20 marks)

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English

ENG 5B 09—LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : Two Hours and a Half

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer the following questions in two *or* three sentences. 2 marks each :

- 1 Define 'Phonetics'.
- 2 What is psycho linguistics ?
- 3 What are Allophones ?
- 4 What are Fricatives ?
- 5 What is a free morpheme ?
- 6 Expand IPA.
- 7 What is an idiolect ?
- 8 Give two examples each of di-syllabic and polysyllabic words.
- 9 What are Triphthongs ?
- 10 What are abuttal consonants ?
- 11 What are Homonyms ? Give examples.
- 12 Define Morphology.
- 13 Mark the stress of the following words :
 - (a) Notification.
 - (b) Beautiful.
 - (c) Politician.
 - (d) Achievement.

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- 14 Which linguist proposed the TG grammar ?
- 15 Define synchronic linguistics.

(Ceiling 25 marks)

II. Answer the following questions in a *paragraph*. 5 marks each :

- 16 Transcribe the following passage :

In the morning everything was calm. Even the rain had stopped. After the fury of the night before, an unnatural stillness lay on the land. I went out to see if anything could be saved of the vegetables, but the shoots and vines were battered and broken.

- 17 Syllables.
- 18 Pidgin and Creole.
- 19 Cardinal Vowels.
- 20 Supra segmental features.
- 21 Organs of speech.
- 22 Assimilation.
- 23 Competence and performance.

(Ceiling 35 marks)

III. Answer any *two* questions as essays :

- 24 Define language and highlight the differences between animal and human communication.
- 25 Elaborate the fundamental processes of Word formation in English.
- 26 What is IC Analysis ? Discuss its importance and limitations.
- 27 Describe the English vowels and diphthongs and the nature of their articulation.

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English

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(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : Two Hours and a Half

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer the following questions in two or three sentences. (2 marks each). Ceiling 25 :

- 1 Define 'phonetics'
- 2 What is ethno linguistics ?
- 3 What are consonant clusters ?
- 4 What is the bow-wow theory ?
- 5 What is a bound morpheme ?
- 6 Mark the stress of the following words :
 - a) Opportunity
 - b) Advertisement.
 - c) Sympathetic.
 - d) Responsible
- 7 What are voiceless sounds ?
- 8 What are diphthongs ? Give examples.
- 9 What is a morpheme ?
- 10 Which linguist wrote *Syntactic Structures* ?
- 11 What are lateral consonants ?
- 12 Give the strong and weak forms of the word 'had'.
- 13 What is word accent ?
- 14 What is the syllabic structure of 'remember' ?
- 15 What is isogloss ?

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II. Answer the following questions in a paragraph. 5 marks each. (Ceiling 35 marks) :

16 Transcribe the following passage :

The tent roof was translucent, wet parchment, spotted on the outside with early dew. Bird voices twirled over my ears, intricate as skaters or running water, the air filling with liquid syllables.

17 Competence and Performance.

18 Deep and surface structure.

19 Ambiguity.

20 Syllable.

21 Allophonic variants of /p/

22 Elision.

23 Diachronic linguistics.

III. Answer any two questions as essays :

24 Discuss in brief the various air stream mechanisms and the organs of speech involved in the production of speech sounds.

25 Explain Phrase Structure Grammar and its significance.

26 Elaborate on the fundamental processes of word formation in English.

27 What are the supra segmental features in language ?

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(2019 Admissions)

Time : Two Hours and a Half

Maximum : 80 Marks

Section A*Answer at least ten questions.**Each question carries 3 marks.**All questions can be attended.**Overall Ceiling 30.*

1. What is Psycholinguistics ?
2. What is a Register ?
3. What is Logical Fallacy ?
4. What is IPA ?
5. What are Allophones ?
6. What is a syllabic consonant ?
7. Mark stress for the given words :
 - a) Absent (v) ; b) Advertisement ; c) Alone ; and d) Examination.
8. What are bound morphemes ?
9. What is Borrowing ?
10. Who introduced the term 'deep structure' ?
11. What is meant by a synchronic study of language?
12. What are Kernel sentences ?
13. What are weak forms ?
14. What do you meant by suprasegmentals ?
15. What are abutting consonants ?

(10 × 3 = 30 marks)

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Section B

*Answer at least **five** questions.*

Each question carries 6 marks.

All questions can be attended.

Overall Ceiling 30.

16. Cardinal Vowels.
17. T G Grammar.
18. Airstream Mechanism.
19. Langue and Parole.
20. Code mixing and code switching.
21. Compounding.
22. Pitch and intonation.
23. Descriptive and prescriptive grammar.

(5 × 6 = 30 marks)

Section C

*Answer any **two** questions.*

Each question carries 10 marks.

24. What are the different theories related to the origin of language ?
25. Describe the vowels of English RP.
26. What are the different methods of word formation in English ?
27. Briefly explain the different aspects of meaning.

(2 × 10 = 20 marks)