

**POST-GRADUATE COURSE**  
**Term End Examination — June, 2023/December, 2023**  
**ENGLISH**  
**Paper-II : ASPECTS OF LANGUAGE**

Time : 4 hours ]

[ Full Marks : 100

Weightage of Marks : 80%

**Special credit will be given for accuracy and relevance in the answer. Marks will be deducted for incorrect spelling, untidy work and illegible handwriting. The weightage for each question has been indicated in the margin.**

**SECTION – A**

1. Answer any *two* of the following : 18 × 2 = 36
- a) How are the vowels in English classified ? Discuss with suitable examples.
- b) Mention two major weaknesses of structural grammar. Briefly explain why we call them weaknesses.
- c) What do you understand by the term "Language variation" ? How do languages vary ?
- d) Would you consider stylistics an independent discipline ? Give reasons for your answer.

**SECTION – B**

2. Answer any *three* of the following : 12 × 3 = 36
- a) (i) Give a brief account of the Plosives of English. 4
- (ii) Distinguish between Velic closure and Velaric closure. 4
- (iii) Give one example from English for each of the following : 4
- Voiced Bilabial Plosive Sound;
- Voiceless Labio-dental Fricative Sound;
- Voiced Dental Fricative Sound;
- Voiced Velar Nasal Sound.

- b) According to Chomsky, what drawbacks does structural linguistics suffer from ?
- c) Would you consider English to be world language ? Give reasons for your answer.
- d) Give three examples of irregular allomorphs of the English plural morpheme and the past tense morpheme.
- e) (i) Give the syllable division and mark the stress in any six of the following words : 6  
*utility, regularity, negative, ethical, hundred, photography, complete, impure, divorce, advocate, zoology, fundamental.*
- (ii) Write a phonemic transcription of the following : 6  
The winter evening settles down  
With smell of steaks in passageways.
- f) Comment briefly with examples, on primary cardinal vowels.

**SECTION - C**

3. Answer any *four* of the following: 7 × 4 = 28
- a) Write a short note on the Diphthongs in English.
- b) Draw tree diagrams for any *two* of the following :
- (i) The student in the classroom
- (ii) The woman who came yesterday.
- (iii) The old woman who is waiting for the doctor
- c) Write about any two word-building processes in English.
- d) Give a morphological analysis of the following words :  
*dehumanisation, children, nonsensical*

e) Write brief notes on any *two* of the following :

- (i) Pictogram
- (ii) Monophthong
- (iii) Metonymy
- (iv) Weak forms

f) Attempt a stylistic analysis of the following passage :

Always the same, when on a fated night  
At last the gathered snow lets down as white  
As may be in dark woods, and with a song  
It shall not make again all winter long  
Of hissing on the yet uncovered ground,  
I almost stumble looking up and round,  
As one who overtaken by the end  
Gives up his errand, and lets death descend  
Upon him where he is, with nothing done  
To evil, no important triumph won,  
More than if life had never been begun.

g) Give an IC analysis of the following :

- (i) She teaches us socio-linguistics
- (ii) I met boy in the library.

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