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ENGLISH

ENG5CJ303: INTRODUCTION TO LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS

2024 Admission onwards

Maximum Time :2 Hours | **Maximum Marks :70**

Section A

All Questions can be answered. Each Question carries 3 marks (Ceiling : 24 Marks)

1	Describe the concept of sign language.
2	Write a note on Kachru's Three Concentric Circles of English.
3	How do arbitrariness and displacement become defining features of human language?
4	Differentiate between langue and parole.
5	Briefly explain historical linguistics.
6	Mention the classification of vowels based on the shape of the lips during vowel production.
7	Define a syllable. What are the three parts that constitute a syllable?
8	What are called affixes? Explain with examples.
9	In diglossia different varieties of language perform different social roles. Substantiate.
10	Examine the relationship between innovation and diffusion of languages.

Section B

All Questions can be answered. Each Question carries 6 marks (Ceiling : 36 Marks)

11	Examine the major theories behind the origin of language.
12	Briefly analyze the modernization and standardization of English.
13	Compare and contrast the linguistic branches of Neurolinguistics and Psycholinguistics.
14	Describe the fundamental approaches to language study.
15	Define stress. How is stress applied in words and sentences?
16	What are the major features of Transformational Generative (TG) Grammar?
17	Examine the important educational applications of Applied Linguistics.
18	Explain pidgin, creole and register.

Section C

Answer any ONE. Each Question carries 10 marks (1x10=10 Marks)

19	Write an essay on the major language families.
20	Elaborate on the various word formation techniques that enrich the development of language.