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