



SLIATE

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EN 1114: Language Structure, Usage and Linguistics - I

Instructions for candidates:

Answer five (05) questions only.
All questions carry equal marks.

Number of pages: (03) Three
Number of questions: (06) Six
Time: (03) Three hours

Question 01

(I) Give one example each for the following noun classes.

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| a) Abstract noun | f) Mass noun |
| b) Concrete noun | g) Common noun |
| c) Irregular noun | h) Count noun |
| d) Proper noun | i) Inanimate noun |
| e) Collective noun | j) Animate noun |

(1x10=10 Marks)

(II) State the functions of the **underlined** noun phrases in the following sentences.

- a) Mr. Thomas, the next door neighbor, goes out now.
- b) She is afraid of cats.
- c) Our students do the work.
- d) He gives the two tigers some food.
- e) They called him a fool.

(5x2=10 Marks)

(Total - 20 Marks)

Question 02

- (I) Read the following statements and state True (T) or False (F).
- a. Words belong to open word classes are mutually exclusive.
 - b. “After” is an example for overlapping word classes.
 - c. An adverb can modify an adjective.
 - d. Cardinals and Ordinals are synonyms.
 - e. Di-transitive verbs cannot carry objects.
 - f. Reflexive pronoun and Indefinite Pronouns are similar in form but different in usage.
 - g. Articles can be listed under Determiners.
 - h. An adjective can modify even another adjective.
 - i. Enumerators describe sudden emotions.
 - j. Determiners are used in verb phrases

(10 Marks)

- (II) State the pattern (clause structure) of the following sentences.

- a) The people helped the president.
- b) The teacher taught the children alphabet.
- c) The students are in the classroom.
- d) His wife kept water in the bucket.
- e) The manager of the bank is smart.

(2x5=10 Marks)

(Total - 20 Marks)

Question 03

- (I) Discuss on the followings with appropriate examples.
- a) Differences between Tag Questions and Yes-No questions.
 - b) Differences between WH-questions and Alternative Questions

(5x2=10 Marks)

- (II) Give 2 example sentences for each type.

- a) Command without a subject
- b) Negative sentences with the auxiliary “don’t”
- c) Negative sentences with the auxiliary “haven’t”
- d) Exclamatory sentence
- e) Affirmative sentence

(2x5=10 Marks)

(Total - 20 Marks)

Question 04

- a) Write short notes on the following topics with 02 examples per each.
- b) Phoneme
- c) Allophone

(2x5=10 Marks)

(I) The following words are in phonetic scripts. Re-write them in alphabets.

- a) /lɪŋgwɪstɪk/
- b) /'lɪtə rɪtʃə /
- c) /'lɪsən/
- d) /kəmju:nɪ'keɪʃən/
- e) /'ɪntstɪtju:t/
- f) /ɪfektɪv/
- g) /teknɒlədʒɪ/
- h) /,meθədɒlədʒɪ/
- i) /'ti:tʃɪŋ/
- j) /'ri:.sɜ:tʃ/

(10x1=10 Marks)

(Total - 20 Marks)

Question 05

(I) Draw the diagram of the vocal organs and label the important organs.

(10 Marks)

(II) Give two example words for each group and underline the relevant phoneme.

- a) Bilabial
- b) Labiodental
- c) Dental
- d) Alveolar
- e) Palatal

(5x2=10 Marks)

(Total - 20 Marks)

Question 06

a) Give 01 definition on “Language” and illustrate the given definition in detail.

(10 Marks)

b) Distinguish human language from animal communication? Explain your answer with (5) – five properties of language.

(10 Marks)

(Total - 20 Marks)