

B.A. 4TH SEMESTER (PROGRAMME) EXAMINATION, 2021

ENGLISH

Course ID: 40318

Course Code: AP/ENG/401/C-1D

(Language and Linguistics)

Time: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 40

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

UNIT I

Answer the following questions:

1. (a) What do you understand by 'language change'? Discuss some important factors responsible for language change. (10)

Or,

(b) Consider speech and writing as important modes of communication.

2. (a) Identify and describe the nasals and affricates in English. (10)

Or,

(b) Identify and describe the English monophthongs.

3. (a) Give a phonemic transcription of the following passage: (10)

During this pandemic situation we must protect ourselves. We need to clean our hands time and again. All of us must wear masks and keep safe distance from others. We should follow the advice of our doctors.

Or,

(b) Discuss *broad transcription* and *narrow transcription* with reference to English.

UNIT-II

4. Answer *any five* of the following questions:

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- (a) What is a semi-vowel? Give an example.
- (b) What is a fricative sound?
- (c) What is phonology?
- (d) Identify the central vowels in English.
- (e) Give a three-term description of /b/.
- (f) Mention the articulatory organs involved in the production of the sound /g/.
- (g) Identify the phonemes in the word 'cat'.
- (h) Identify two labio-dental consonant sounds in English.
- (i) Define diphthong with examples.
- (j) Write the phonemic transcription of the word 'man'.

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