

**B.A. Semester-IV Examination, 2022-23****ENGLISH [Programme]****Course ID : 40318      Course Code : AP/ENG/401/C-1D****Course Title : Language and Linguistics**

Time : 2 Hours

Full Marks : 40

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.**Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.***Answer all the questions.****UNIT-I**

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

**OR**

- b) State the difference between formal and informal  
communication with their advantages and  
disadvantages.
2. a) Identify and describe the nasals and affricates in  
English. 10

**OR**

- b) What is a monophthong? Write a note on the front  
vowels in English.

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

Baby talk is one of the ways mothers and others  
develop a strong bond with their babies. And it  
lays the foundation for the development of a  
language. By talking to babies in this way we are  
beginning to teach them their mother tongue.

**OR**

- b) What is the difference between phonemic  
transcription and phonetic transcription? Give the  
three-term description of all phonemes in the  
words "college" and "book".

**UNIT-II**

4. Answer any **five** of the following questions: 5×2=10
- a) Give the phonemic transcription of the word "cat".
- b) Give three-term description of the sound /g/.
- c) Identify the phonemes in the word "could".
- d) Mention the articulatory organs involved in the  
production of the sound /f/.
- e) How many front vowels are there in English?
- f) Which air-stream mechanism is used for the  
articulation of English speech sounds?

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- g) What is the stricture involved during the articulation of fricative sounds?
  - h) How is a voiced sound produced?
  - i) Why are the semi-vowels called so?
  - j) Identify any two basic characteristics of the vowel sounds in English.
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