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**Question Bank (2016 to 2019)
BA IV th Semester
Elective English, E4-404: Linguistics and English Language**

UNIT I: LINGUISTICS

Answer the following questions. Each question carries 10 marks.

1. Write an essay on the characteristics of human language. (2016)
Or
Enumerate the properties of language. (2016)
2. Bring out the difference between human language and animal communication. (2016)
3. Draw a neat diagram of organs of speech and name them. (2016)
4. Write a short note on the scope of linguistics. (2016)
5. What is a morpheme? Distinguish a morpheme from an allomorph with an illustrative example. (2016)
6. Write a brief note on immediate constituent (IC) analysis and its usefulness. Also make an immediate constituent (IC) analysis of the given sentence: (5+5=10) (2016)

The opposition raised a commotion in the House.
7. “Language is human.” Elucidate the given statement. (2017, 2019)
Or
Make a detailed study of the difference between human language and animal communication. (2017, 2019)
8. “Language is a system of systems.” Discuss. (2017)
Or
Write an essay on “Linguistics is the scientific study of language.” (2017)
9. Give suitable definitions of (a) phoneme and (b) allophone.

Write down three different spellings of any two of the phonemes, /i/, /k/, /p/ with illustrative examples. (2+2)+6=10 (2017)

10. Draw a neat cardinal vowel diagram and plot the English Diphthongs (vowel glides) showing its movement. (2017)

11. Discuss the scope of linguistics as a means to study the ethnicity of a linguistic community (2017)

12. "Language is primarily vocal." Elucidate the given statement. (2018)

Or

Write a short essay on the properties of language. (2018)

13. Write an essay on synchronic/descriptive linguistics. (2018)

Or

Write a short essay on sociolinguistics. (2018)

14. Give a definition of vowel. What are the items to be considered in making its definitive character. (2018)

15. Write two different spellings of the following vowels with illustrative examples from English (any five): (2018)

/ə/, /i/, /a/, /u/, /ɔ/, /e/, /ʌ/

16. What is primary stress? Mark the primary stress in the following words (any seven): (2018)

Table, photographic, churchyard, allot, inferiority, satisfaction, themselves, executive, estate, academic

17. Write a short essay on the role of linguistics in the study of literature. (2019)

18. "Modern English Grammar is descriptive not prescriptive." Discuss. (2019)

19. Draw a neat diagram of the organs of speech and name them. Why are some of the organs called active articulator and the others passive? (2019)

20. What are the different manners of articulation used in the production of English consonant phonemes? Describe two manners in detail. (2019)

21. Indicate the opening of the jaw and tongue position of any five of the English pure vowels. (2019)

Answer the following questions. Each question carries 5 marks

1. Write brief notes on any two of the following theories of origin of language. Highlight the shortcomings, if any: (2016)
 - (a) Pooh-pooh theory
 - (b) Bow-wow theory
 - (c) Contact theory
2. Write a brief note on syntagmatic and paradigmatic relationships in an utterance (sentence). (2016)
3. Make the stressed syllables in the given line: (2016)

My mistress' eyes are nothing like the sun.
4. Make a phonemic transcription of the following words using IPA symbols: (2016)

Passion, log cabin, fundamental, cravat, battalion
5. Write short notes on the following topics: (2017)
 - (a) Gesture theory of the origin of language
Or
Pooh-pooh theory of the origin of language
 - (b) Preservation as a property of language
Or
Arbitrariness of language.
6. Make the stressed syllable in the given line: (2017)

“A thing of beauty is a joy forever.”
7. Make phonemic transcription of the following by using IPA symbol (any five): (2017)

village, except, cough, knife, change, mixture, mission
8. Make an Immediate Constituent (IC) analysis of given sentence: (2017)

“He saw life as a voyage of discovery.”
9. What is zero morpheme? Give two different examples. (2018)
10. Make phonemic transcription of the following words using IPA symbol (any five): (2018)

Knee, chairman, thought, siege, forehead, Jew, borough
11. Give three label description of the following phonemes: (2018)

/p/, /z/, /h/, /l/, /k/
12. Write short notes in about 100 words on the following topics (any two): (2018)

- (a) Pooh-pooh theory of the origin of language
- (b) Language is human
- (c) Language has duality

13. What are the regular forms of plural markers (phonetically) in the English language? Give one example of each. Give two irregular forms with example as well. (2019)

14. Make phonemic transcription of the following words using IPA symbols (any five): (2019)

Dove, Sunday, Women, Judge, Water, Garden, Buses, Father

15. Write short note in about 100 words on the following: (2019)

Propagation as a property of language

Or

Gesture theory of the origin of language

UNIT II: ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Answer the following question. It carries 10 marks.

1. Write a short essay on the growth and development of English grammar during the Middle English period. What language is responsible for it? (2016)
2. Write an essay on the relation of English to other languages by its origin. (2017)

Answer the following question. Each question carries 5 marks.

1. Write a brief note on the Indo-European family of languages. Trace the origin of the English language in it. (2016)
2. Write a note in about 100-130 words on the characteristics of any one of the following: (2016)
 - (a) The Old English Period
 - (b) The Middle English Period
3. Give the source nation or language of the following words used in English (any five): (2016)
 - (a) Eid
 - (b) Skirt
 - (c) Bonsai
 - (d) Pork
 - (e) Fjord
 - (f) Chutney
 - (g) Yeti

4. Write short notes of the following in about 100 words each: (2017)
 - (a) The old English Grammar
 - (b) French influence on legislative words in English
 - (c) Latin influence on English during Renaissance

5. Give the source language or Nation of the following words in English (any five): (2017)
safari, cerebrum, appendix, rabbi, debut, raga, lexicon

6. Write short notes in about 100 words on the following topics (any three): (2018)
 - (a) Dialects of Old English period
 - (b) Middle English grammar
 - (c) Influence of Christianity on English
 - (d) American English variety
 - (e) French influence on culture

7. Give the source language or Nation of the following words (any five): (2018)
Wine, sister, duke, kangaroo, bye-law, juggernaut, pneumonia, street.

8. State whether the following statements are True or False: (2018)
 - (a) The Old English Grammar follows natural gender.
 - (b) English language belongs to Germanic language group.
 - (c) The word 'calico' has Spanish origin.
 - (d) The influence is widely felt in the field of Science.
 - (e) The Modern (present) English is synthetic language.

9. Write short notes in about 100 words on the following topics (any three): (2019)
 - (a) Indian English variety
 - (b) The Old English vocabulary
 - (c) Greek influence on English in the field of science and technology
 - (d) Scandinavian influence on English

10. Give the source Nation or language of any five of the following: (2019)
Cafeteria, Knapsack, Moi, Turban, Monsoon, Wall, Boomerang, Egg

11. State whether the following statements are True or False: (2019)
 - (a) The Old English vocabulary had no French words.
 - (b) The English language belongs to the Eastern Germanic language group.
 - (c) The word 'debut' has Italian origin.
 - (d) Indo-European language family has three branches.
 - (e) Sanskrit gave the word 'yoga'.