

BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMME

Term-End Examination

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ELECTIVE COURSE : ENGLISH

**EEG-2 : THE STRUCTURE OF MODERN
ENGLISH**

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : Answer *all* questions.

1. (a) Write short notes on any **two** of the following : 10
- (i) Primary and Secondary stress
 - (ii) Diphthongs in English
 - (iii) Content words and Grammatical words
 - (iv) Regular and Irregular adjectives
- (b) Mark the stress in the following words : 10
- (i) (a) abet
 - (b) afar
 - (ii) (a) bright
 - (b) brighten

- (iii) (a) able
- (b) ability
- (iv) (a) absent (adjective)
- (b) absent (verb)
- (v) (a) national
- (b) nationality

2. (a) Give phonetic symbols for the following description of the English consonants. The first one is done for you.

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- (i) voiceless velar plosive /k/
- (ii) voiced labio-dental fricative
- (iii) voiced alveolar lateral
- (iv) voiceless alveolar fricative
- (v) voiceless bilabial plosive
- (vi) voiced palato-alveolar affricate

(b) Write short notes on any **two** of the following :

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- (i) front vowels in English
- (ii) connected speech
- (iii) inflectional suffixes
- (iv) word stress and sentence stress

(c) Divide the following words into their constituent morphemes : 5

- (i) breakage
- (ii) appointment
- (iii) regularity
- (iv) trainee
- (v) different

3. (a) Give brief definitions of the following types of sentences :

Negative, Interrogative, Exclamatory and Imperative.

Give at least two examples for each type. 10

OR

Write a note on how *tense* and *aspect* operate in the structure of verb phrases in English. Give an example each to illustrate your point.

(b) Make wh-questions corresponding to the **bold italicised** words in the following sentences. One is done for you : 5

- (i) The girl was reading **a book**.
What was the girl reading ?
- (ii) Mohan was working **in the library**.
- (iii) The shops close **at 8 pm**.
- (iv) They want to go abroad **for better job opportunities**.
- (v) **Romola** got the highest marks in Maths.
- (vi) She liked **the gifts I gave her**.

(c) Supply tag questions to each of the following sentences :

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- (i) They are coming to dinner tonight, _____ ?
- (ii) He went away last night, _____ ?
- (iii) My new dress is lovely, _____ ?
- (iv) They didn't complete the assignment, _____ ?
- (v) Your sister hasn't visited Kashmir so far, _____ ?

4. (a) What do you understand by conversion and derivation as processes of word formation ? Give at least five examples for each type.

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(b) Fill in the blanks with *a*, *an* or *the* :

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_____ elderly lady was sitting next to me on the Bombay-Pune train. During the brief halt at Kalyan, _____ young man entered our compartment, bringing some fruit for _____ old lady. They were soon engaged in _____ long conversation, apparently unaware that _____ train would be starting any moment.

(c) Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb, from those given in brackets :

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- (i) She hurt herself while she _____ ice hockey. (played, was playing)
- (ii) When the boss _____ in, everybody stood up. (walked, was walking)
- (iii) Nobody _____ exactly how the machine works. (knows, is knowing)

- (iv) They _____ tennis every afternoon.
(play, are playing)
- (v) I don't know how they _____ the time.
(find, are finding)

5. (a) Explain with examples the difference between a simple sentence and a complex sentence. Give at least five examples for each. 10
- (b) Rewrite the sentences as directed : 5
- (i) He was too proud to give in. (Use so ... that)
- (ii) Someone stole her bag when she was getting in. (Passive voice)
- (iii) They say that the new boss is very strict. (Passive voice)
- (iv) She was so small that she couldn't reach the almirah. (Use too ... to)
- (v) She is working hard. She wants to score an A grade in her test.
(Combine into one simple sentence)
- (c) Correct the following sentences : 5
- (i) Three miles are not a long distance.
- (ii) He has finished the job yesterday.
- (iii) He is sleeping since two o'clock; we should wake him now.
- (iv) A lot of work are yet to be completed.
- (v) Neither of the brothers are guilty.

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