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**M.A. (Part I) (II Sem.) EXAMINATION, 2017**

**ENGLISH**

**(English Language Today—II)**

**(2008 PATTERN)**

**Time : Three Hours**

**Maximum Marks : 80**

**N.B. :—** (i) *All* questions are compulsory.

(ii) Figures to the right indicate full marks.

**1.** Answer any *four* of the following in not more than **200** words each : [16]

- (a) Define the term 'style' in its linguistic sense.
- (b) Illustrate the difference between 'a sociolect' and 'an idiolect'.
- (c) Explain the sociolinguistic concept of 'register'.
- (d) Illustrate the process of 'borrowing' that changes language internally.
- (e) What is 'code-mixing' ? Explain the kind of language alternations.
- (f) Define the term 'variety of language' with its different manifestations.

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**2.** Answer any *four* of the following in not more than **200** words each : [16]

- (a) What is the difference between the GIE and BrE at the syntactic level ?
- (b) Explain the distinctive syntactic features of 'American English'.
- (c) Bring out the difference between the plosives in GIE and BrE with suitable examples.
- (d) What are the lexical features of Indian English ?
- (e) Illustrate the phonological differences between AmE and BrE.
- (f) Explain the concept of 'Indian English' reflected in GIE.

**3.** Write short notes on any *four* of the following in *not* more than **200** words each : [16]

- (a) Explain the 'direct and indirect' speech acts with examples.
- (b) Define the terms 'utterance' and 'sentence' with examples.
- (c) What do you think is meant by the term 'turn-taking' in conversation ?
- (d) Explain with examples the term 'context of situation.'
- (e) What is the concept of 'presupposition ?' Explain its types.
- (f) Explain the term 'implicature' with examples.

4. Answer any *four* of the following in not more than **200** words each : [16]

- (a) Differentiate between 'speech event' and 'speech situation'.
- (b) Explain the term 'conversational analysis' with suitable examples.
- (c) What is the role of politeness principle in the process of conversation ?
- (d) Explain an impact of the maxim of relevance in its violation.
- (e) Explain the term 'an adjacency pair' with suitable examples.
- (f) What are the relative importance of the maxim of quality and quantity ?

5. (a) Attempt any *four* of the following : [4]

(i) Identify style of the following sentence :

'Rahul, why don't you give up playing cricket ?'

(ii) Give example of code-switching.

(iii) Identify the registral variety of the following text :

'The Rig Veda, the oldest scripture and the mainstay of Hindu philosophy does not take a restrictive view on the fundamental question of God and the creation of universe. It rather lets the individual seek and discover answers in the quest of life.'

- (iv) Define the process of mixing up of languages in the following :  
'English is a *lingua franca* in India.'
  - (v) The people who know two distinct languages are known as .....; while the people who use different varieties of language are described as ..... .
  - (vi) ..... is the scientific study of language, and ..... is the general study of signs and symbols.
- (b) Attempt any *four* of the following : [4]
- (i) Explain how the Indian speaker maintains distinction between the following pair of words :  
'rode' and 'road'.
  - (ii) Transcribe the following according to the common Indian pronunciations :  
'parents'.
  - (iii) Comment on the use of tense in Indian English in the following.  
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  - (iv) Provide British English counterparts of the following words :
    - (a) Pavement
    - (b) Airway.
  - (v) Identify the grammatical differences between AmE and BrE in the following :
    - (a) He has gotten the freeship this year.
    - (b) He has got the freeship this year.

(vi) Give the BrE spellings to the following words :

(a) behavior

(b) counseling.

(c) Attempt any *four* of the following : [4]

(i) What kind of reference is involved in interpreting the utterance ?

'He committed a Himalayan blunder.'

(ii) What are the deictic expressions in the following utterance ?

'Wherever you may go, you will always remember me.'

(iii) Give an example of 'face-saving act.'

(iv) Explain the cohesive devices in the following piece of text :

A : Do you know my cousin who became a lawyer ?

B : Yes, his cell number is with me.

(v) Identify the direct or the indirect speech acts and explain.

A : Could you please do it for me ?

B : No problem, I can do anything for you.

(vi) What is an obvious presupposition of a speaker in the following utterance ?

'Last time, he was not so sincere.'

- (d) Attempt any *four* of the following : [4]
- (i) Which maxim of Cooperative Principle is observed in the following ?
- A : When shall we leave today ?
- B : As soon as the train arrives.
- (ii) Give an example of 'request-acceptance' Adjacency Pair.
- (iii) Identify which maxim of Cooperative Principle is violated in the following :
- A : Where is chastity like things nowadays, Sir ?
- B : Who requires it ? Nobody cares at all. Everyone is after money.
- (iv) Mention the Illocutionary Force of the following.
- 'Who can avoid this national duty ?'
- (v) Frame a sentence to illustrate the face-threatening act.
- (vi) Give an example of the Tact maxim of politeness.