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M.A. ENGLISH - END SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS - NOV'2024

SEMESTER - II

**20PELCT2008 - Linguistics**

Total Duration : 2 Hrs. 30 Mins.

Total Marks : 60

### **Section B**

Answer any **SIX** questions ( $6 \times 5 = 30$  Marks)

1. Explain the properties of human language.
2. Compare linguistic competence and communicative competence.
3. Differentiate between syn chronic and diachronic linguistic study.
4. Describe the structure of English vowels and consonants.
5. What are dialects and registers? Provide examples.
6. Analyse the differences between British and American Varieties of English.
7. Explain the types of word formation processes with examples.
8. Evaluate Noam Chomsky's Innate Hypothesis and its relevance today.

### **Section C**

I - Answer any **TWO** questions ( $2 \times 10 = 20$  Marks)

9. Discuss Ferdinand de Saussure's concepts of langue and parole in relation to syntagmatic and paradigmatic relationships.
10. Analyse how code-switching and code-mixing occur in multilingual societies. Provide examples.
11. Evaluate the importance of phonetics and phonology in understanding speech sounds.
12. Critically assess Chomsky's Universal Grammar and its impact on the study of syntax.

II - Compulsory question ( $1 \times 10 = 10$  Marks)

13. Examine the various types of morphemes and how they contribute to word formation in English.

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