

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS, APRIL / MAY – 2018

PHONETICS

SUBJECT CODE: 15UAEN12

MAJOR : B.A (English Literature)
TIME : 3 HOURSSEMESTER : IV
MAX. MARKS : 75

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SECTION – A (15 Marks)**I. Choosing the best alternatives (10 x ½ = 5)**

1. The lungs are spongy bodies made up of small sacs called _____.
a) muscles b) alveole c) bronchioles d) trachea
2. The Phonatory system comprises _____.
a) larynx b) vocal cords c) lungs d) muscles
3. The Tongue is divided into _____ parts.
a) 2 b) 3 c) 4 d) 5
4. There are _____ consonantal phonemes.
a) 12 b) 18 c) 16 d) 24
5. The most satisfactory scheme is that devised by Daniel Jones and known as the _____ vowel system.
a) Cardinal vowel b) Pure vowel c) Diphthong d) Close vowel
6. The nasal passage is closed in _____.
a) Glottal plosive b) Velar plosives c) Alveolar plosives d) Bilabial plosives
7. There are _____ distinctive nasal consonants in English
a) two b) three c) four d) five
8. Vowels are classified into _____.
a) Pure vowels & Diphthongs b) Cardinal vowels
c) Imaginary vowel d) Semivowels & Cardinal vowels
9. The centre of the tongue is raised to a height just below the half – open position.
The lips are _____.
a) open b) half open c) neutral d) half close
10. Diphthongs are classified into _____ categories.
a) three b) four c) one d) two

II. Answer in about 50 words: (5 x 2 = 10)

11. What is meant by Bilabial?
12. Define manner of articulation?
13. What is meant by Fricatives?
14. Describe Front vowels?
15. What is Diphthong?

SECTION - B (4 X 5 = 20)

Answer any FOUR of the following questions in about 150 words:

16. Define the Respiratory system in brief.
17. What are active and passive articulators?
18. Explain about plosives?
19. What are the Nasal consonants? Explain.
20. Explain vowels of English?
21. What is Diphthongs? Explain.

SECTION - C (40 Marks)

I. Answer any THREE of the following essay questions: (3 X 10 = 30)

22. What are the organs of speech and how are they classified?
23. How are consonants classified?
24. Classify the R.P English vowels with due illustrations.
25. Explain how centring diphthongal sounds are produced? Give examples.

II. Passage for Transcription: (1 x 10 = 10)

An elderly couple had the alarming experience of waking one morning to find their house of fire. It was winter and bitterly cold, and the ground was covered with snow. They quickly threw on some warm clothing over their scanty night attire, gathered their most precious possessions together and ran outside. By this time the place was ablaze and the roof was in danger of collapsing. The neighbours had rushed to help and one had telephoned for the fire - brigade.
