

M.A (ENGLISH) Semester - 2 (CBCS) Examination
March/April – 2024 (As Per Syllabus Year-2023)
The Structure of Modern English (Ele-3)

Time: 2:30 Hours

Marks: 70

Instructions:

1. All questions are compulsory.
 2. Figures to the right indicate marks.
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Que.1 Discuss the characteristics of language and its importance in communication. How do these characteristics contribute to effective communication? (14)

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Que.1 Explain the types of communication and their significance in various contexts. Illustrate with examples how barriers to communication can hinder effective interaction.

Que.2 Describe the organs of speech and their role in producing speech sounds. How do different configurations of these organs result in the production of various phonemes? (14)

OR

Que.2 Explain the concept of word stress (accent) and its significance in English pronunciation. How does sentence stress contribute to the rhythm of spoken English?

Que.3 Explore the processes of word formation in English, focusing on derivation and compounding. Provide examples to illustrate each process and discuss their significance in enriching the vocabulary of the language. (14)

OR

Que.3 Analyze the problems associated with morphological analysis in English. How do irregularities and exceptions in word formation pose challenges for language learners and researchers?

Que.4 Discuss the concept of language variation in relation to style. How do different varieties of English reflect social relations, user characteristics, and linguistic choices? Provide examples to illustrate your points. (14)

OR

Que.4 Compare and contrast the varieties of British English and American English. How do historical, social, and cultural factors contribute to the divergence between these two major varieties? Provide examples of linguistic differences between them.

Que.5 Write short notes on the topics given below. (Any Two) (14)

- 1) Varieties of American English: Outline the main varieties of American English.
- 2) Define morphological analysis and its importance in understanding the structure of words.
- 3) Define phonetics and its importance in the study of speech sounds.
- 4) Highlight and elucidate key principles governing effective communication.
