

B.A (Liberal Arts)
DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE(DSE): ENGLISH ELECTIVE

Semester-5
BLAB33502T: ELEMENTARY LINGUISTICS AND PHONETICS OF ENGLISH

MAX.MARKS: 100
EXTERNAL: 70
INTERNAL: 30
PASS: 40%

Objective:

The course aims to acquaint the learners to the structure of English Language by introducing them to the fundamentals of modern Linguistics. Besides, to help students develop proficiency in oral communication in English, the course will focus on the basics of Phonetics of English like understanding of speech sounds, their contrastive relationships, pronunciation and rhythm of language.

Total Credits: 6

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PAPER SETTER/EXAMINER:

1. The syllabus prescribed should be strictly adhered to.
2. The question paper will consist of three sections: A, B, and C. Sections A and B will have four questions from the respective sections of the syllabus and will carry 10 marks each. The candidates will attempt two questions from each section.
3. Section C will have fifteen short answer questions covering the entire syllabus. Each question will carry 3 marks. Candidates will attempt any ten questions from this section.
4. The examiner shall give a clear instruction to the candidates to attempt questions only at one place and only once. Second or subsequent attempts, unless the earlier ones have been crossed out, shall not be evaluated.
5. The duration of each paper will be three hours.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CANDIDATES:

Candidates are required to attempt any two questions each from the sections A and B of the question paper and any ten short questions from Section C. They have to attempt questions only at one place and only once. Second or subsequent attempts, unless the earlier ones have been crossed out, shall not be evaluated.

Section A

Unit I: Language: Definition and Nature of Language, Language as means of communication.

Unit II: Linguistics: Linguistics as a Science, Branches of linguistics,

Unit III: Scope of Linguistics: Descriptive, Comparative and Historical Linguistics.

Unit IV: The Morphology of English-I: Morphemes: Segmentation, Free and Bound Morphemes, Morphological Analysis

Unit V: The Morphology of English-II: Words, Processes of Word Formation

Section B

Unit VI: The Speech Mechanism: Air Stream Mechanism, Organs of Speech, Respiratory System, Phonatory and Articulatory System

Unit VII: The Description and Classification of Speech Sounds: Vowels

Unit VIII: The Description and Classification of Speech Sounds: Consonants

Unit IX: Phonetic Transcription and the International Phonetic Alphabet, Phoneme, Allophone, Syllables and principles of syllabification, Minimal Pairs

Unit X: Prosodic Features: Stress and Rhythm, Word Accent; Intonation: Form and functions of intonation.

Suggested Readings:

- Ashby, P. Speech Sounds. London: Routledge, 1995. Print.
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- Gimson, A.C. Gimson's Pronunciation of English. London: Arnold, 2001.
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- Ladefoged, P. Vowels and Consonants: An Introduction to the Sounds of Languages. Oxford: Blackwell, 2001.
- Roach, P. English Phonetics and Phonology. United Kingdom: Cambridge University Press, 2000.
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- Sethi, J. and P.V. Dhamija. A Course in Phonetics and Spoken English. New Delhi: Prentice Hall, 2005.
- Tench, P. The Intonation Systems of English. London: Cassell, 1996.
- Suzana, R. A. Practical Course in English Pronunciation. New Delhi: Tata McGraw Hill, 2012.
- Syal, Pushpinder and D.V. Jindal. An Introduction to Linguistics. Delhi: PHI Learning, 2016