PG Odd Semester (CBCS) Exam., December—2016

ENGLISH

(1st Semester)

Course No. : ENG–102 (C)

(The Structure of English)

Full Marks : 75
Pass Marks : 30

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

UNIT—I

1. *(a)* Describe the plosive sounds in the RP variety of English. 10

(b) Give three-term labels for the following consonant sounds : 5

/k/, /v/, /n/, /l/, /r/

OR

2. *(a)* Discuss, in detail, the intonation patterns in English with suitable examples. 10

(b) Comment briefly on the process of assimilation in English. 5

UNIT—II

3. *(a)* Discuss, in detail, clipping, acronymy and blending as processes of word formation. 10

(b) Comment on the differences between free morpheme and bound morpheme. 5

OR

4. *(a)* Explain the terms 'root', 'stem', 'prefix' and 'suffix' with suitable examples. 10

(b) Find out the inflectional and derivational morphemes in the following words : 5

(i) Unexpectedly

(ii) Players'

UNIT—III

5. *(a)* Describe the structure of the verb phrase in English. 10

(b) Draw tree diagrams to illustrate the structure of the following noun phrases : 5

(i) An absolutely honest politician

(ii) Many of the world's famous sports-persons

OR

6. *(a)* Discuss the pre-modifiers in the structure of the noun phrase in English. 10

(b) Explain the terms 'focus' and 'theme' as they are used in English grammar. 5

UNIT—IV

7. *(a)* Explain the main features of the use theory of meaning. 10

(b) Briefly discuss the main features of the denotational theory of meaning. 5

OR

8. *(a)* Explain the terms 'synonymy', 'antonymy' and 'hyponymy' with suitable examples. 10

(b) Briefly discuss Frege's principle of compositionality. 5

UNIT—V

9. *(a)* Explain the notion of implicature in pragmatics. 10

(b) Briefly explain the notion of 'turn-taking' in pragmatics. 5

OR

10. *(a)* Discuss Searle's typology of speech acts in detail with suitable examples. 10

(b) Briefly discuss the main features of 'politeness principle'. 5

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