

U.G. 1st Semester Examination - 2023

ENGLISH

[MINOR]

Course Code : ENG-MIN-T-101

(Language and Linguistics)

[NEP-2020]

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 Hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

Answer all the questions.

GROUP-A

1. Answer any five of the following questions :

2×5=10

- a) Define semivowels in English with an illustrative example of use in a word.
- b) Classify the phoneme /ð/ with an illustrative example of use in a word.
- c) Define syntax with an example.
- d) With a suitable example, define the form words.
- e) Give a three-term description of the phoneme /t/.
- f) Give an example of SVOO sentence structure.
- g) Define slang with a suitable example.
- h) Mention the semantic change of the word 'villain'.

GROUP-B

2. Answer any **two** of the following questions :

5×2=10

- a) Give a phrase-structure analysis of the following sentence: "Despite its small size, the intricately designed clock in the antique shop's window captured the attention of every passerby."
- b) Phonemically transcribe the following passage in R-P English: "The cat sat on the mat. It looked at the rat. The rat ran. The cat gave chase. The rat got away."
- c) Write a short note on English R-P diphthongs, illustrating the linguistic feature of any three of them.
- d) Write a short note on any three English R-P monophthongs with illustrative use in words.

GROUP-C

3. Answer any **two** of the following questions :

10×2=20

- a) Discuss the maxims of relevance and manner in a conversation with appropriate examples.
- b) Discuss after Noam Chomsky, the linguistic competence with specific reference to constituents of the following sentence: "Many womans and mans are outside standing".
- c) Discuss the articulatory system in the production of speech sounds.
- d) Discuss any three non-standard varieties of language.