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Examinations Management Office
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Subject: ENG 454 – The Study of Language

FM: 60

Level/program: Bachelor (B.A)

Semester: V

Time: 3 Hours

PM: 30

Candidates are required to answer the questions in their own words as far as practicable.

Attempt ALL of the following Very Short Answer Questions.

10x1=10

1. What is the basic difference between pictogram and ideogram?
2. Which property of language enables people to talk about 'the future'?
3. Using semantic features, how would you explain the oddness of these sentences?
 - a. The television drank my water.
 - b. His dog writes poetry.
4. What do you mean by discourse?
5. Identify all the parts of speech used in this sentence. (eg. Man= noun) *The man kept a large snake in a cage, but it escaped recently.*
6. Define the term synonymy with an example.
7. Define the terms semantics and pragmatics with examples.
8. What is the difference between an accent and a dialect?
9. How does cohesion differ from coherence?
10. What do you mean by aphasia?

Attempt any THREE of the Following Short Questions.

3x8 =24

11. Explain the major characteristics of language.
12. What is word formation process? Briefly describe any six ways of word formation with example
13. Analyze the structural ambiguities presented in these expressions.
 - a. We meet an English history teacher.
 - b. Flying planes can be dangerous.
 - c. The fish is ready to eat.
14. Distinguish between vowel and consonant speech sound.

Attempt any TWO of the Following Long Questions.

2x13 =26

15. Define consonant sound. Explain the classification of consonant sounds in terms of manner of articulation.
16. What are four typical barriers to acquiring a second language as an adult compared to first language acquisition as a child? Discuss.
17. Write an essay on the relation between language and brain.