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**V Semester B.A. Degree (CBCSS – OBE – Regular/Supplementary/
Improvement) Examination, November 2025
(2019 to 2023 Admissions)
CORE COURSE IN FUNCTIONAL ENGLISH
5B 07FNG : Introduction to Linguistics**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 40

PART – A

I. Answer **all** the questions.

(6×1=6)

- 1) What is meant by "arbitrariness" in language ?
- 2) Who proposed the bow-wow theory of language origin ?
- 3) Define linguistics.
- 4) Expand TG grammar.
- 5) What is an allophone ?
- 6) Define phrase structure rules.

PART – B

II. Answer **any six** of the following questions.

(6×2=12)

- 7) Explain computational linguistics.
- 8) What is back-formation ?
- 9) Define phoneme.
- 10) What is the study of meaning called ?
- 11) What is connotative meaning ?
- 12) Define cohesion in discourse.
- 13) What is the difference between sense and reference ?
- 14) Explain thematic meaning with an example.

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PART – C

III. Answer **any four** of the following questions.

(4×3=12)

- 15) Distinguish between descriptive and prescriptive approaches to language.
- 16) Describe the main theories about the origin of human language.
- 17) Explain three types of word formation with examples.
- 18) Write short notes on sociolinguistics.
- 19) Distinguish between traditional grammar and structural grammar.
- 20) Explain syntax.

PART – D

IV. Answer **any two** of the following questions.

(2×5=10)

- 21) Discuss the place of English in the language family, tracing its Indo-European and Germanic roots.
- 22) Discuss the scope and branches of linguistics.
- 23) Discuss the concepts of phoneme, allophone, morpheme and allomorph with examples.
- 24) Explain Immediate Constituent Analysis and its importance in syntax.