B.A

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE (DSE): ENGLISH ELECTIVE

SEMESTER-V

(BAB33502T): ELEMENTARY LINGUISTICS AND PHONETICS OF ENGLISH

MAX.MARKS: 100
EXTERNAL: 70
INTERNAL: 30
PASS: 40%
Credits: 6

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.

COURSE OUTCOMES:

CO 1	To familiarize learners with the structural underpinnings of the English language through an introduction to modern Linguistics
CO 2	To focus on the fundamentals of Phonetics of English to enhance students' oral communication proficiency, including comprehension of speech sounds, their contrasts, pronunciation nuances, and the rhythmic aspects of the language
CO 3	To provide a comprehensive understanding of the linguistic principles governing English, empowering students to communicate effectively in oral contexts
CO 4	To equip students with the foundational knowledge and skills necessary to navigate the intricacies of English language structure and phonetics, facilitating clear and articulate oral communication

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 willhave 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 atone 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 1: Language: Definition and Nature of Language, Language as means of communication.

Unit 2: Linguistics: Linguistics as a Science, Branches of linguistics,

Unit 3: Scope of Linguistics: Descriptive, Comparative and Historical Linguistics.

Unit 4: The Morphology of English-I: Morphemes: Segmentation, Free and Bound Morphemes,Morphological Analysis

Unit 5 : The Morphology of English-II: Words, Processes of Word Formation

Section B

Unit 6: The Speech Mechanism: Air Stream Mechanism, Organs of Speech, Respiratory System,Phonatory and Articulatory System

Unit 7: The Description and Classification of Speech Sounds: Vowels

Unit 8: The Description and Classification of Speech Sounds: Consonants

Unit 9: Phonetic Transcription and the International Phonetic Alphabet, Phoneme, Allophone,Syllables and principles of syllabification, Minimal Pairs,

Unit 10: Prosodic Features: Stress and Rhythm, Word Accent; Intonation: Form and functions ofintonation.

Suggested Readings:

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- Syal, Pushpinder and D.V. Jindal. An Introduction to Linguistics. Delhi: PHI Learning,2016