AB-0051
First Year B. A. (External) Examination
April / May – 2015
English : Paper - II
(Structure of Modern English) (Subjective Elective)
(Subsidiary)

Time : 3 Hours] [Total Marks : 70

Instructions :

(1) Figures to the right indicate full marks.
(3) Indicate clearly the options you choose.

1 (a) Give the phonetic transcription of any five of the following:
(1) I always remember you as one of my best teachers.
(2) May I have your driving licence please?
(3) It’s very simple.
(4) The cost of living is high.
(5) I want to become an engineer.
(6) Shut the door.
(7) The postman was looking for you.
(8) I love watching Tom and Jerry.

(b) Transcribe the following words phonemically and put primary stress on the correct syllables. (any five)
(1) amend
(2) slower
(3) bright
(4) absent
(5) advance
(6) beak
(7) collect

2  Do as directed:

(a) Identify the sound (the phoneme) from the description as given below. (any five)
   (1) a voiced alveolar fricative.
   (2) a voiceless dental fricative.
   (3) a centralised front unrounded vowel just above the half-close position.
   (4) a voiced alveolar plosive.
   (5) a voiced post-alveolar approximant.
   (6) a back open unrounded vowel.
   (7) a voiceless labio-dental fricative.
   (8) a voiced velar hasal.

(b) Describe the phoneme from its symbol: (any five)
   (1) |h|
   (2) |f|
   (3) |^|
   (4) |j|
   (5) |m|
   (6) |er|
   (7) |ɹ:|
   (8) |æ|

3  (a) Write short notes on any two of the following:

   (1) Rhythm and weak forms
   (2) The word-accent
   (3) Types of clauses
   (4) Plosives
(b) Answer in brief any five of the following:

1. Explain the term 'diphthong'
2. What are nasal sounds?
3. Which are passive articulators?
4. What is minimal pair?
5. Differentiate aspirated and unaspirated sound.
6. What is a breath group?

4 (a) Identify the subject and the predicate in these sentences: (any five)

1. Her younger brother is a famous doctor.
2. The finance minister has given tax concessions.
3. Meera runs very fast.
4. The food smells good.
5. All the old employees are unhappy.
6. The old man told us a story.

(b) Identify the following words as simple, complex or compound words: (any ten)

1. homeless
2. flowers
3. incapable
4. sino-pak
5. coffee time
6. rebuild
7. talking
8. brotherhood
9. high sounding
10. honest
11. minicab
12. usefulness
(a) Identify the kind of phrase and analyse it into Head and Modifiers and give each word form label. (any five)

1. my mother-in-law's car
2. has been reading
3. in a little while
4. fairly tall
5. a dancing master
6. very urgently
7. will have finished

(b) Identify the types of sentence with justification. (any five)

1. The director who made this film has been selected for the National Award.
2. I met the man to whom you sold your house last year.
3. The bungalow in which he lives is government accommodation.
4. This is the girl who has been looking for you.
5. I met a girl whose mother is your colleague.
6. We live in an area which is threatened by floods every year.
7. The bank for which he works has been opened recently.