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Name of the Paper : Language and Culture

Name of the Course : G.E. : English

Semester : V

Duration : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 90

(Write your Roll No. on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper.)

This question paper contains *two* parts. Both parts are compulsory.

Candidates are required to answer *All* the questions from Part A and any *Three* questions from Part B.

Questions in Part A carry 10 marks each, and questions in Part B carry 20 marks each.

Part-A

1. (a) What are the universal properties of human language, and how do they reflect the unique nature of human communication ?

Or

- (b) Explain why 'arbitrariness' is considered a key characteristic of human communication ?
2. (a) Write a note on how one's linguistic repertoire (overall acquired linguistic skills) determines the way one communicates in different social settings ? Explain with reference to the use of English in India.

Or

- (b) Write a note on the 'optimization theory' proposed by Tej K. Bhatia in his essay, 'The multilingual mind, optimization theory and Hinglish'.

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3. (a) Discuss with examples what is referred to as the “critical period” in language learning ?

Or

- (b) Write a note on disability and its representation via language.

Part-B

4. (a) Discuss critically how language helps in shaping an individual's identity.

Or

- (b) Globalization has prompted multilingualism. Do you agree ? Argue with suitable examples.

5. (a) Trace the historical development of Indian English from the colonial period to the present day. How has it evolved as a distinct variety ?

Or

- (b) Why is Indian English considered a unique form of English ? How has it developed to meet the communication needs of people in India ?

6. (a) Explain how language can both empower and marginalize individuals with disabilities. Use examples to show how language shapes societal perceptions with regard to disability.

Or

- (b) Examine how language reflects and reinforces gender roles and stereotypes ? Provide examples to support your answer.

7. (a) Describe the differences between language acquisition and language learning in the context of your own experience of society on the one hand and the classroom on the other.

Or

- (b) Discuss how language can act as a social marker through dialects and varieties. Provide examples to illustrate how these forms vary with factors like region and social class.