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ENGLISH

(MAJOR)

Course: 604

(Introduction to Linguistics and Phonetics)

Full Marks: 40

Pass Marks: 16/12

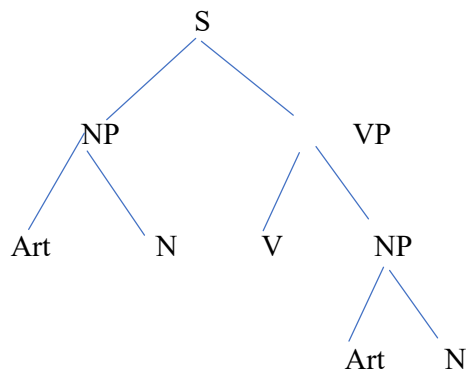
Time: 2 hours

Answer any four from Questions 1 and 2:

4×4=16

1.

- a) Which one of the following four sentences could be used to represent the structure shown at the diagram below?
- The girl loves the boy.
  - Boys will be boys.
  - The man talked rubbish.
  - Will the girls be coming?



- What are the variants of a phoneme known as?
- What is the manner of articulation of the sound /p/?
- Write the phonetic symbol(s) corresponding to the underlined portion of the word.
  - Book [     ]
  - Teacher [     ]
- Give an example of a voiced velar nasal sound and write its corresponding phonetic symbol.
- Give the English spelling for the following transcriptions
  - /faks/
  - /əv/
- Give an example each of the English words with following consonant clusters:

CV, CCVCC

2. a) How many back vowels are there in English R.P.? Indicate their tongue positions.
- b) How are the vowels in English R.P. classified?
- c) How are fricatives produced? Answer with examples.
- d) Identify the Noun, Verb, Adjective, Adverb and Prepositional Phrases in the sentence given below. Also state their grammatical function as Verb (V), Subject (S), Subject Complement (SC), Direct Object (DO), Indirect Object (IO) and Adverb (A).

**Last week, my wife and I painted the house red.**

- e) In terms of agreement (concord), explain why the verbs in the following four sentences must be singular or plural.
  - i) No news is good.
  - ii) Law and order is an important issue in the election.
  - iii) There were many people at the conference.
  - iv) Where are the Scissors?
  
- f) Give examples of the following types of phonemes using International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA).
  - i) Voiced alveolar nasal
  - ii) Voiced bilabial stop
  - iii) High front vowel
  - iv) Voiceless palatal affricate

**3. Attempt *any two* of the following.**

12×2=24

- A) What do you understand by Subject-verb agreement? Explain with suitable examples.
- B) What are the major speech organs? How are they important in the production of speech sounds? Discuss with suitable illustrations.
- C) Present an analytical note on verb forms of English language with suitable illustrations.
- D) What is meant by 'three term label'? Describe ten consonant sounds with 'three term labels'.
- E) Explain the English diphthongs with proper illustrations.
- F) What are the components of a noun Phrase? Explain with an example.

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