

2015

M.A. Part-I Examination

ENGLISH

PAPER—IV

Full Marks : 100

Time : 4 Hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.

Answer all questions.

Group—A

1. Analyse the morphological structure of any *four* of the following : 4×2
Photography, Housewife, Civilization, Answer Books, Personality, Theses, Refused, Hypertension.
2. Analyse the structure of the following noun phrases : 4×2
 - (a) The grand Old Age Home in Kolkata.
 - (b) My playmate of playful temper.
 - (c) The man carrying a portable computer.
 - (d) Quite a few important parcels.

(Turn Over)

Or

Write a short essay on descriptive grammar and prescriptive grammar.

3. Analyse the following Verb Groups : 3×2

- It will rain this afternoon.
- It would have been better had he relented.
- The accused is being interrogated.

4. Explain any *five* of the following : 5×2

Zero Plural ; Embedding ; Backformation ; Affixation ;
Strong and Weak Verbs ; Modal Auxiliaries ; Cliche ;
Ellipses.

Or

Write a note on 'Aspect'.

5. Draw deep structure trees for the following sentences : 3×3

- To err is human.
- I met a very pretty girl in Chennai.
- He wishes to kill the grammarian.

Or

'English has only two tenses'. Explain.

6. Comment on the ambiguity features of the following sentences : 3×3

Can you open the box ?

We are not teaching machines.

The baby swallows fly.

Or

Write a short essay in the main processes of word formation.

Group—B

7. Describe the phonetic function of *Soft Palate* and *Lips*. 8

8. Write a note on *Bilabial Plosives* and *Affricates*. 10

9. Distinguish between (any *three*) : 3×3

- Active Articulator and Passive Articulator.
- Historical Elision and Contextual Elision.
- Monophthong and Diphthong.
- Vowel and Constant.

10. Write brief notes on any *three* of the following : 3×3

- Rhotic Accent ;
- Airstream Mechanism ;
- Tonic Syllable ;
- Articulatory System ;
- Voiceless Constants.

11. Mark stress and intonation in the following sentences (Attempt any *four*) : 4

- He injured his shoulder while going to school.

- (b) Rakhi does not seem to eat very well.
 (c) Are you advertising a bicycle for sale?
 (d) The whole audience laughed at this remark.
 (e) Leave him alone for a minute.

12. Write a phonemic transcription of the following : 5

I nodded and tried to smile. Inwardly, I was getting alarmed ; the coach was full of people ; though they were not much concerned with Mohan-da's counsels they were not deaf. What opinion were they forming about me ? I felt positively uncomfortable. I looked at the station clock. It was time, I thought, to shut the door of my coach.

13. Render the following phonemic text into orthographic text : 5

'nəθɪŋ əv ,ɪntrest ,hæpənd / ,dju:riŋ ðə rɪ'me:ndər əv ðə
 'wi:k-ənd. / ɪn ðɪ a:ftərnu:n / wi: 'ple:d ,tenɪs / wɪð 'zəm əv ðə
 'pɪmlez ,frendz. / ,a:ftər 'dɪnər / 'hɒdsən 'mo:təd mi: 'bæk tu
 ,lɒndən. / ɪt wəz e 'faɪn ,naɪt / ənd wi: 'gɒt əp ɪn 'gud ,taɪm,

'aɪ 'ho:p ju: 'wɒrnt tu: 'bo:rd, / ,hɒdsən ,sed / æz wi: wɒr
 'se:ɪŋ gud- ,naɪt. /

'nɒt e 'bit, /

'ɪt wəz 'faɪn / 'tʊ:kɪŋ tə ðə 'dʒenrəl əbaʊt hɪz 'stæmpz. /
 ðe: ər ðɪ 'o:nli ,θɪŋz / hɪ: 'rɪəlɪ 'tʃe:ks enɪ ,ɪntrest ɪn. /

'ɪt wəz ə'mju:zɪŋ / ,sɪ:ɪŋ ə:l ðə 'pɪmlez ə,ge:n'.

'lʊt dɪd ju: 'θɪŋk əv ,berl. '

'ɪ'fɑ:rmɪŋ'.