

**PARUL UNIVERSITY**  
**FACULTY OF ARTS**  
**B.A Winter 2018 – 19 Examination**

Semester: 3  
 Subject Code: 15102232  
 Subject Name: Nature of Language

Date: 11/12/2018  
 Time: 10:30 am to 1:00 pm  
 Total Marks: 60

**Instructions:**

1. All questions are compulsory.
2. Figures to the right indicate full marks.
3. Make suitable assumptions wherever necessary.
4. Start new question on new page.

**Q.1 Do as directed.****(08)****A. Multiple choice type questions.**

1. He is known as the father of Modern linguistics.  
 A. Noam Chomsky      B. Ferdinand de Saussure      C. George Yule      D. None of these
2. Sounds formed with the upper teeth and the lower lip is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. Bilabials      B. Labiodentals      C. Dentals      D. None of the above.
3. When the vocal cords are spread apart the air from the lungs passes between them unimpeded. Sounds produced in this way are described as \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. Voiced      B. Acoustic      C. Voiceless      D. Phonetics.
4. How many languages are official in India  
 A. 15      B. 20      C. 22      D. None of these
5. The combination of two separate forms to produce a single new term is also present in the process called \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. Blending      B. Compounding      C. Coinage      D. Conversion
6. Do you have a xerox machine?  
 A. Coinage      B. Compounding      C. Backformation      D. Clipping
7. Which is believed to be the oldest language?  
 A. Sanskrit      B. Tamil      C. Sumerian      D. Greek
8. Humans are continually creating new expressions and novel utterances by manipulating their linguistic resources to describe new objects and situations. This property is described as \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. Duality      B. Cultural Transmission      C. Productivity      D. None of the above.
9. This branch of linguistics deals with society and culture.  
 A. Sociolinguistics      B. Psycho-linguistics      C. Neuro-psycholinguistics      D. None of the above.
10. A grammatical category designating the class of a noun as masculine or feminine (or neuter)  
 A. Gender      B. Grammatical gender      C. Other gender      D. None of the above
11. Latin, Greek, and Sanskrit are known as \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. Historical languages      B. Classical languages      C. Dead Languages      D. B and C
12. \_\_\_\_\_ is a study of origin of words.  
 A. Etymology      B. Eulogy      C. Ethno methodology      D. Endocrinology
13. Don't you ever worry that you might get AIDS?  
 A. Acronyms      B. Conversion      C. Clipping      D. Backformation

14. Do you have a xerox machine?  
A. Coinage      B. Compounding      C. Backformation      D. Clipping

15. This design feature of communication lets you talk about past or future events.  
A. Displacement      B. Duality      C. Productivity      D. None of these

16. An affix which is not usually not found in English language.  
A. Suffix      B. Infix      C. Prefix      D. None of the above.

**B. Define the following (Each of 01 mark) (07)**

1. Nasal
2. Voiced sound
3. Post Alveolar
4. Plosive
5. Lateral Approximants
6. Trills
7. Rounded

**Q.2 Answer the following questions.**

- A. Compare Signs and Sounds. (04)
- B. State different branches of linguistics? (04)
- C. State the difference between a morph and allomorph? Give examples for each. (04)

**OR**

- C. Define Phone, Phoneme and Allophone with examples. (04)

**Q.3 Answer the following questions.**

- A. Compare competence and performance. (05)
- B. Describe human vs animal communication. (05)
- C. Describe Compounding, Borrowings and clipping word formation processes with examples (05)

**OR**

- C. Describe Consonants and vowels. (05)

**Q.4 Answer the following questions.**

- A. Explain Dental, Retroflex and Velar with examples. (06)
- B. Give the sounds for the following: (06)
  - i) Post alveolar- Fricative-Voiceless
  - ii) Alveolar-Lateral Approximant- voiced
  - iii) Labiodental-fricative- voiceless.
- C. Give the features for the following: (06)
  - i) /f/
  - ii) /p/
  - iii) /m/

**OR**

- C. Give the features for the following: (06)
  - i) /u/
  - ii) /i/
  - iii) /I/