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Subject Code : 5997

M.A. (English) Semester—I

IV : PHONETICS AND SPOKEN ENGLISH

Time Allowed—3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks—80

PART—A

Attempt any **six** questions. Each question carries **4** marks.

1. Define language variety.
2. What is the function of the nose in speech production ?
3. Define allomorph, giving examples to illustrate.
4. What is a diphthong and how does it pose problems for Indian speakers of English ?
5. What is a consonant cluster ?
6. What is the role of intonation in English pronunciation ?
7. What are syllables ?
8. Illustrate the role of weak forms in English speech through examples.

PART—B

Attempt **all** questions. Each question carries **14** marks.

1. Describe the organs of speech drawing a neat diagram as well.

OR

What is the IPA and why is it important ? Illustrate your answer in detail.

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2. Describe the vowels of English.

OR

What are allophonic variants ?

3. Describe the rules of stress used in English.

OR

Mark the primary and secondary stress on the following words after phonetically transcribing them :

gender, feminine, woe, woeful, examinee, examiner and householder

4. Describe the major intonation patterns of English, giving adequate examples.

OR

Phonetically transcribe the following sentences and then mark the intonation pattern on each :

- (a) The game is over
- (b) We all love weekends
- (c) Please make me a cup of tea
- (d) Hurrah ! Our college won the match !
- (e) Let's go for a jog.
- (f) What is the matter ?
- (g) A bad workman blames his tools.