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THIS EXAMINATION PAPER CONTAINS THIRTEEN [13] QUESTIONS IN SIX [6] SECTIONS IN SIX [6] PAGES.

INSTRUCTIONS

- There are six sections in this examination paper:
 - Section A Phonetics and Phonology [20 marks]
 - Section B Morphology [15 marks]
 - Section C Syntax [15 marks]
 - Section D Semantics [20 marks]
 - Section E Sociolinguistics [15 marks]
 - Section F Psycholinguistics [15 marks]
- Candidates should attempt ALL six sections.
- Candidates must answer ALL questions in Sections A, B and C.
- In the remaining sections candidates should answer the number of questions requested by the instructions at the beginning of each section.
- Read carefully the instructions at the beginning of each section.
- Begin each section on a new page.

Note: Candidates are not allowed to take this question paper out of the examination hall.

SECTION A - Phonetics and Phonology

Answer ALL questions in this section.

1. [a] List all the words that end with a vowel sound:

game tough happy bake grow through
sigh type.

- [b] List all the words that contain an alveolar fricative between two vowel sounds:

busy rose case bushy rouge electricity
ace raising pleasure.

- [c] List all the words that end with a voiced fricative:

ace please rose roads bath plush bathe
life.

- [d] List all the words that end with an approximant:

grow oil oily pile pale yellow linger
sew gale.

[5 marks]

2. Study the following piece of transcription, and then answer the question which follows:

[Note: In this question you will lose half a mark for each wrong answer]

/ ðə next θiŋ ðæt hæpənd in aʊə vɪdʒɪlənt strɪɡəl əɡɛnst ðə
ɪvɪl duəs ɒv njuː jɒk ænd bɒstən pʌblɪʃəz wəz ðæt ɒfɪs
mænɪks hændəd out tuː pɑːkɪŋ tɪkɪts ɒn sɛntrəl pɑːk wɛst ɪt
wəz deɪndʒərəs wɜːk bʌt wi keɪpt kʊl ænd gɒt θruː ʌnskeɪd /

There are three errors in the transcription of the vowels and four errors in the transcription of the consonants. Identify and list each of these errors, and provide a correct transcription of the words in which they occur e.g. [qwik] [q] should be [k] giving [kwik].

[5 marks]

3. For each of the following phonetic labels provide the correct symbol and a word which begins with that sound.

Example: voiced bilabial stop [b] bin

- [a] half open front vowel
- [b] close front vowel
- [c] close back vowel
- [d] voiced labio-dental fricative
- [e] voiceless palato-alveolar affricate
- [f] voiced palatal approximant
- [g] voiced velar stop
- [h] voiced alveolar nasal stop
- [i] voiceless dental fricative
- [j] voiced alveolar lateral approximant

[5 marks]

4. Define and illustrate the terms minimal pair and complementary distribution.

[5 marks]

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SECTION B - Morphology

Answer **ALL** questions in this section.

5. Divide each of the following words into its component morphemes by placing a hyphen (-) between morphemes; label each morpheme as either F(Free) or D (Derivational) or I (inflectional):

[a] rubbish truck drivers

[b] impossibilities

[c] Massachusetts

[5 marks]

6. Provide a complete morphological analysis (in tree-form) for the following words. Be sure to label bound morphemes as either IA(Inflectional Affix) or DA (Derivational Affix) and free morphemes according to their lexical category.

[a] inconsiderateness

[b] unlawfully

[c] North Atlantic Organisation Meetings

[10 marks]

SECTION C - Syntax

Answer **ALL** questions in this section.

7. Write a **short** paragraph on each of the following:

[a] closed and open classes

[b] functional and formal constituents

[6 marks]

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8. Draw phrase markers/tree diagrams for each of the following sentences:

[a] The alligator was sleeping soundly.

[b] You seem tired.

[c] The door opened.

[9 marks]

SECTION D - Semantics

Answer any **TWO** [2] questions in this section.

9. Name the types of semantic relationship that link the following pairs of words. If you find an example of hyponymy, underline the superordinate term.

[a] true false

[b] lawyer client

[c] heavy light

[d] tree oak

[e] over under

[f] darker lighter

[g] tree branch

[h] open shut

[i] obstinate stubborn

[j] come go

[10 marks]

10. [a] Define synonymy and explain what is meant by partial synonymy.

[b] How are [i] metaphor and [ii] metonymy connected with polysemy? Give examples to support your

11. Describe the characteristics of idioms, collocations and compounds, using the following examples as a starting point. Define the terms carefully and illustrate your discussion with additional examples.

Hold your horses, will you!
It's raining cats and dogs.
Some people never learn.
Houseboat.

[10 marks]

SECTION E - Sociolinguistics

Answer **ALL** questions in this section.

12. [a] Name the stages that can be identified in the process of language standardisation.
- [b] Using examples as necessary, describe how women and men use language differently.
- [c] What are the sociolinguistic factors that determine how you name or address another person?

[15 marks]

SECTION F - Psycholinguistics

13. Write brief notes on any **three** [3] of the following:

- [a] Language Acquisition Device
- [b] Interlanguage
- [c] Broca's Aphasia
- [d] The Holophrastic Stage

[15 marks]

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