

vii) Define idiolect.

viii) Mention the semantic change of the word 'fowl'.

2. Answer any **two** of the following questions:

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- i) Write a short note on the standard English.
- ii) Give a phrase-structure analysis of the following sentence: "She began to try to convince her friend to start helping her prepare dinner".
- iii) Write a short note on three-term description.
- iv) Phonemically transcribe the following passage in R-P English:
Max the dog dug a hole under the oak tree. It chased a cat across the quiet yard. Its soft coat shimmered in the sunlight. Every evening, Max would bark at the moon.

3. Answer any **two** of the following questions:

10 × 2 = 20

- i) Discuss the maxims of quality and quantity in a conversation with appropriate examples.
- ii) Discuss categories and constituents with suitable examples.
- iii) Discuss verb-phrase structure with the help of an example sentence.
- iv) Discuss any two levels of language change with specific reference to English language.

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

1. Answer any **five** of the following questions :

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- i) What is the three-term description of /a/ as in 'arm'?
- ii) What is the alternative term for pure vowels in English? Give an example of an English pure vowel.
- iii) Give an example of a misuse of maxim of manner.
- iv) Give an example of each of the following syllable structures: CCCV and VC.
- v) Define the duality of patterning of all languages.
- vi) Name the register in which the following sentence is written. Cite one word in support of the above conclusion. "The transverse nature of light can be demonstrated through polarization."

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