U.G. 2nd Semester Examination - 2024

ENGLISH

[MINOR]

Course Code : ENG-MI-T-101

(Language and Linguistics)

[NEP-2020]

Full Marks : 40 Time : 2 Hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.

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

1. Answer any **five** of the following questions : 2×5=10

   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."

vii) Define idiolect.

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

2. Answer any **two** of the following questions: 5×2=10

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 quant ty 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.