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INSTRUCTIONS
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Answer ALL the questions.2. Write clearly and neatly. Read all the questions carefully before answering.3. Number the answers clearly

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Answer ALL QUESTIONS

Question 1

Total Marks [5]

Select the correct option from the responses given.

1.1) Which among the following is not a characteristic feature of language?

[1]

- a) Language is systematic
- b) Language is arbitrary
- c) Language is dynamic
- d) Language is instinctive

1.2) Words like 'Buzz', 'Hiss', 'thud' etc. which represents the sounds of their referents are known as -----

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[1]

- a) Onomatopoeia
- b) Homophones
- c) Homonyms
- d) Portmanteau

1.3) Human language is structured at the levels of phonemes and morphemes and at the level of words.

This property of language is called-----

[1]

- a) Duality of structure
- b) Recursiveness
- c) Displacement
- d) Transference

1.4) Human beings can talk about experiences, objects and events which are not present at the time and place of speaking. This property of language is called-----

[1]

- a) Duality of structure
- b) Recursiveness
- c) Displacement
- d) Transference

1.5) The type of study of the changes in language over a span of time is called----- [1]

- a) Synchronic
- b) Diachronic
- c) Semiotic
- d) Onomatopoeic

Question 2

Total Marks [25]

Deep and surface structure forms part of Noam Chomsky's work on Transformational Grammar. Using good examples write a distinction between the two.

Question 3

Total Marks [25]

Explain the difference between Syntax and Semantics? Illustrate by providing sufficient examples.

Question 4

Total Marks [20]

4.1) As opposed to modern grammar, traditional grammar has been often described as prescriptive. Write three paragraphs comparing and contrasting traditional and modern grammar. Whenever applicable, substantiate your argument with examples.

Total marks [75]

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