



**LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034**

**M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION - ENGLISH LITERATURE**

**FIRST SEMESTER – APRIL 2013**

**EL 1804 - LINGUISTICS**

Date : 27/04/2013  
Time : 9:00 - 12:00

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

**Part A**

I Answer any **Three** of the following questions in about 75 words . (3 x 5 = 15 marks)

1. Why is language considered a system?
2. What is the 'Displacement' feature of language?
3. Write a short note on any one type of Grammar?
4. What is the relevance of Synchronic study of Language?

II Answer any **TWO** of the following questions in about 150 words each.(2 x 10 = 20 marks)

1. What is the difference between 'NEW' and 'GIVEN' information?
2. 'How old are you?': Explain how the given question can be interpreted psycholinguistically.
3. What is the relationship between 'Form' and 'Meaning'?

III Answer the following questions in about 300 words each: (15 marks)

1. Explain the property of language through 'Semiotic Triangle'

(OR)

What is the relevance of 'Collocational Theory' in the semantic study of language?

**Part B**

I Write short notes on any two of the following in about 50 words each. (2x5=10 marks)

1. 'Innateness' according to Chomsky.
2. Sociolinguistics vs Psycholinguistics.
3. Write in brief about Cognitivism and behaviourism .

II Answer any two of the following in about 200 words each. (2x10=20 marks)

1. Explain the word stress, intonation and prosody with examples.
2. Explain the English vowels with their diagrams.
3. Transcribe the following words and mark their primary stress:  
a) Dejection b) Profit c) Desire d) Continual e) Productivity

III Answer any one of the following in about 400 words each. (1x20=20 marks)

1. Analytically summarise the first two chapters of Bloomfield's book *Language*?
2. Explain the contribution made by Chomsky and Skinner in the field of psychology and linguistics in 20<sup>th</sup> century.

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