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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION - ENGLISH LITERATURE

FOURTH SEMESTER – APRIL 2013

EL 4953 - SOCIOLINGUISTICS

Date : 06/05/2013
Time : 1:00 - 4:00

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Max. : 100 Marks

I. Answer any TEN of the following in a word or two:

(10 x 2 =20 marks)

1. Whorfian acronym SAE stands for _____ .
2. The weak and strong versions of Whorfianism were propagated by _____ .
3. Sociolinguistics is the study of the connection between _____ and _____ .
4. Regional, social, or ethnic variation of a language _____ .
5. _____ is the use of elements of one language in another.
6. A distinction between the social roles of men and women is called _____
7. A way of using a language with non-native speakers that is simpler in structure and vocabulary is called _____
8. _____ is the way in which each speaker takes a turn in conversation
9. A distinction between classes of nouns as masculine, feminine is called _____
10. Information that is not in a text, but is used from a memory by a reader to understand the text _____

II. Answer any FIVE of the following in 250 words each:

(5 x 10 = 50 marks)

11. Distinguish Formal linguistics and Sociolinguistics.
12. Define Linguistic Determinism with examples.
13. How does language corelate with social inequality?
14. Discuss the role of gender and ethnicity in Sociolinguistics.
15. What do you understand by standard language?.
16. Bring out the difference between dialect and sociolect.
17. Describe what do you mean by register?

III. Answer any TWO of the following in 400 words each:

(2 x 15 = 30 marks)

18. Attempt a long essay on Code Mixing and Code Switching.
19. Consider the concept, definitions and variations in Speech Community.
20. Attempt an essay on Language and Power Structure.
21. Show in detail how different kinds of word-relations are formed.
