**PG–390 MAE–10/MEG–25**

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – JUNE 2008.

(AY 2004-05 onwards)

Second Year

English

SPOKEN ENGLISH

Time : 3 hours Maximum marks : 75

I. Answer any THREE of the following questions in about 50 words each : (3 × 5 = 15)

1. Explain the respiratory system.
2. What is a consonant?
3. Write a note on the syllable in English.
4. Mention five examples of monophthongs.
5. Divide the following words into syllables :
   1. (a) Elephant.
   2. (b) Table.
   3. (c) Computerization.
   4. (d) Voluntary.
   5. (e) Rendezvous.

II. Answer any THREE of the following questions in about 150 words each : (3 × 10 = 30)

1. Describe the speech mechanism.
2. What is a phoneme?
3. Write a description of vowels.
4. Explain word stress in English.
5. What are the uses of tones?

III. Answer any TWO of the following questions in about 300 words each : (2 × 15 = 30)

1. Write an essay on the classification of consonants.
2. What are the forms and functions of intonation?
3. Make a broad phonetic transcription of the following passage and mark the stress wherever necessary :
   1. ‘I no longer wish to live, holy man,’ Martin said. ‘All I ask of God is that I soon may die. I am now quite without hope in the world.’
   2. The old man replied : ‘You have no right to say such things, Martin. We cannot judge God’s ways. Not our reasoning, but God’s will decides. If God willed that your son should die and you should live, it must be best so. As to your despair-that comes because you wish to live for your own happiness’.
   3. ‘What else should one live for? asked Martin.
   4. ‘For God, Martin,’ said the old man. ‘He gives you life, and you must live for him. When you have learnt to live for Him, you will grieve no more, and all will seem easy to you.’

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