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Name of the Paper : Language and Culture

Name of the Course : GE : English

Semester : III

Duration : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 90

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This question paper contains 2 parts. Both parts are compulsory.

Candidates are required to answer *All* the questions from Part-A and any *three* questions from Part-B.

Questions in Part-A carry 10 marks each, and questions in Part-B carry 20 marks each.

Part-A

1. (a) Define “modularity” in language production and provide an example of how modularity shapes the study of languages.

Or

- (b) Write a note on standardised and non-standardised languages.

2. (a) Write a short note based on your understanding of the use of Hinglish in Indian society.

Or

- (b) Multilingualism as an outcome of language acquisition is different from language learning in a formal multilingual educational system. Discuss briefly in the context of the Indian experience.

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3. (a) Write a note on signages you observe in public spaces, commenting on how they shape our behaviour and attitudes with specific reference to either disability or gender, or both.

Or

- (b) Explain the role of literature in language teaching. How does teaching language through literature differ from teaching communicative English ?

Part-B

4. (a) Comment on how linguists study animal sounds like bird calls to understand and explain human language.

Or

- (b) In your opinion, does early schooling in the mother tongue facilitate better learning outcomes ? Provide a reasoned answer.

5. (a) What factors contribute to linguistic variation ? Explain with the help of examples.

Or

- (b) According to you, is bilingualism primarily a result of some language deficiency in either language or is bilingualism an enhancement of both the languages concerned, defined by the 'Optimization Theory' proposed by Tej K. Bhatia in his essay "The Multilingual Mind, Optimization Theory, and Hinglish" ?

6. (a) Describe the impact of social media on language and vice versa. You are free to choose your own examples.

Or

- (b) Comment on the extent to which gender bias is encoded in the way we use language on an everyday basis.

7. (a) Language shapes our behaviour and thereby our relationship with society. Do you agree ? Provide a reasoned answer.

Or

- (b) Does education, and language competency as a consequence, become an enabler for professional success. Comment critically from your own perspective.