

(FOR THE CANDIDATES ADMITTED

24UEL4A4

DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2024 ONLY)

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N.G.M.COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) : POLLACHI

END-OF-SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS: MAY 2026

B.A ENGLISH LITERATURE

MAXIMUM MARKS: 75

SEMESTER : IV

TIME : 3 HOURS

PART - III

24UEL4A4 - HISTORY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND PHONETICS

SECTION – A

(10 X 1 = 10 MARKS)

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

(K1)

1. The Bow-Wow theory explains the origin of language as:
a) Emotional cries b) Imitation of natural sounds
c) Divine origin d) Rhythmic chants
2. The pulmonic egressive airstream mechanism uses:
a) Glottis b) Tongue c) Lungs d) Lips
3. Which of the following is a voiced consonant?
a) /p/ b) /t/ c) /b/ d) /k/
4. The study of sound patterns in a language is called:
a) Phonetics b) Morphology c) Phonology d) Syntax
5. Tamil belongs to which language family?
a) Indo-European b) Dravidian c) Sino-Tibetan d) Afro-Asiatic

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING IN ONE (OR) TWO SENTENCES (Qn. No. 6 - 10) (K2)

6. Name the language family to which English belongs.
7. What is the organ responsible for producing voice?
8. What is the symbol system used for phonetic transcription called?
9. What is the smallest unit of sound in phonology?
10. What is the term for the study of speech sounds?

SECTION – B

(5 X 5 = 25 MARKS)

ANSWER EITHER (a) OR (b) IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. (K3)

11. a) Explain the main theories of the origin of language.

(OR)

- b) Trace the descent of the English language.

12. a) Describe the air-stream mechanisms involved in speech production.

(OR)

- b) Explain the structure and function of the organs of speech.

13. a) Classify consonants based on place and manner of articulation.

(OR)

b) Explain the classification of vowels with suitable examples.

14. a) Define phonology and explain the concept of syllable

(OR)

b) Describe word-accent and rhythm in connected speech.

15. a) Compare Tamil and English phonetic features

(OR)

b) Explain the importance of intonation in communication

SECTION – C

(5 X 8 = 40 MARKS)

ANSWER EITHER (a) OR (b) IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.(Or) K5)

16. a) Critically analyze the major theories of the origin of language.

(OR)

b) Evaluate the growth of English vocabulary with suitable examples.

17. a) Analyze the role of air-stream mechanisms in speech production.

(OR)

b) Evaluate the importance of the organs of speech in articulation.

18. a) Analyze the classification of consonants and vowels.

(OR)

b) Evaluate the role of the International Phonetic Alphabet in phonetic transcription.

19. a) Analyze the role of stress, rhythm, and intonation in communication.

(OR)

b) Evaluate the importance of phonology in language learning.

20. a) Critically compare Tamil and English phonetic systems.

(OR)

b) Evaluate the challenges faced by Tamil speakers in learning English pronunciation.
