

Core Course I – Language & Linguistics

Unit I:

Theories of Origin of Language
Language Families, Indo-European & Proto-Indo-European
Evolution of English and Standardization
Foreign elements, Word formation and Change of Meaning in English
Language Variety

Unit II:

Traditional Approaches to study of the English Language Merits and Inadequacies
Linguistics as an autonomous science
Parts of Speech and Word – Classes
Criteria for classification: form and function
Problems in definition of the Word
Morphology Free, Bound, Zero morphemes, Allomorphs

Unit III:

Grammar and Syntax
Phrases, Clauses, Basic Patterns and Sentence Typologies
I.C. Analysis: features, merits and limitations
Phrase structure Grammar: features, merits and limitations
T.G. Grammar

Unit IV

Phonetics, Phonology and Phonemics/Phonematics
Phoneme, Allophone, Free Variants
Speech Sounds vs natural sounds and human noise
Organs of speech, classification of sounds
Vocoids and vowels, consonoids and consonants in English
Cardinal Vowel Diagram

Unit V

IPA Symbols
Word-stress, word in connected speech
Intonation
Broad Transcription