



বিদ্যাসাগর বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়  
**VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY**

**Question Paper**

**B.A. Honours Examinations 2020**

(Under CBCS Pattern)

**Semester - III**

**Subject: ENGLISH**

**Paper : GE 3-T**

**Full Marks : 60**

**Time : 3 Hours**

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

**Language and Linguistics**

Answer **any three** of the following:

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1. Discuss **any two** of the following:

- i) Definition and types of language
- ii) Characteristics of human language
- iii) Communicative functions of language
- iii) Dialect.

OR

Choose *any two* of the following varieties of English, and point out how they differ from each other:

- (i) British English
  - (ii) American English
  - (iii) General Indian English.
2. Discuss the historical evolution of language usage with illustrations from your mother tongue and /or English.
  3. Distinguish between (*any two*) :
    - i. Phonetics and phonology
    - ii. Free morpheme and bound morpheme
    - iii. Encoding and decoding of signals
    - iv. Noun phrase and adjective phrase
    - v. Literal meaning and contextual meaning
  4. Discuss with examples different types of semantic change.
  5. Analyse different constituent phrase structures with examples.
  6. (a) Discuss the syntactical rules of Subordination and Coordination in English or your mother tongue.

OR

- (b) Show your acquaintance with Grice's maxims of conversation.

## Contemporary India: Women and Empowerment

Answer *any three* of the following:

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1. Briefly discuss the process of construction of masculinity and femininity in Indian society.
2. Mention some of the legal provisions guaranteed by the Indian Constitution for the protection of the rights of women.
3. Discuss the issue of female foeticide in India and the steps taken by the Government to prevent it.
4. Mention some of the legal provisions for the redressal of grievances related to sexual harassment of women at their workplace.
5. What is Chipko Movement? Discuss the role played by women in this Movement.
6. (a) Discuss Bama's *Karukku* as a representative Dalit autobiography.

or

- (b) Show how *Sultana's Dream* reflects the idea of women's empowerment.
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