

Register Number:  
Name of the Candidate:

**M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, May 2015**

**(ENGLISH)**

**(SECOND YEAR)**

**630: THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS**

Time: Three hours

Maximum: 100 marks

---

**SECTION-A**

**(5×8=40)**

**Answer question ONE and any other FOUR questions**

1. Transcribe the following passage in to their phonemes:

The next week, my father passed the exam and applied for a U.S.A work visa. He had been away from India and his immediate family for seven months, and was now accustomed to being alone, to washing his underwear and socks in the sink every night.

2. Discuss the important sound changes in Old English.  
3. Write a short note on standard English.  
4. What is meant by received pronunciation?  
5. What is grammar?  
6. Explain the structuralist view of grammar.  
7. Write a short note on Pragmatics.  
8. Discuss the importance of translation.

**SECTION-B**

**(3×20=60)**

**Answer any THREE questions**

9. a) Discuss the history of English spelling and spelling reform.  
(OR)  
b) Write an essay on Word-making in English.
10. a) Describe and illustrate the diphthongs of English.  
(OR)  
b) Write an essay on the Accent of the English language.

11. a) Explain the characteristics of language.  
(OR)  
b) Write an essay on Morphology.
12. a) Discuss the Transformational Generative Grammar.  
(OR)  
b) Explain the theories of Semantics.
13. a) Critically analyse the relationship between language, society and culture.  
(OR)  
b) Explain the various factors to be considered while translating a text.

\*\*\*\*\*