



SOUTH EASTERN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

SECOND YEAR EXAMINATIONS IN BACHELOR OF ARTS (EXTERNAL)
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ELL 2.15 – INTRODUCTION TO LINGUISTICS

Answer any **five** questions only.

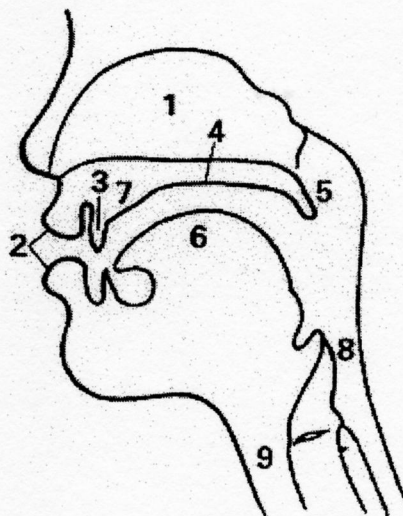
Time: 03 Hours

1. i. Define Linguistics.
ii. Briefly describe major branches of general linguistics.

2. Write short notes on the following:
 - i. Phonemes and Phonology
 - ii. Morpheme and Morphology
 - iii. Semantics

3. i. Briefly discuss the word classes in English?
ii. Explain adjectives in relation to their positions and functions.

4. Name the organs of speech numbered on the diagram below.



5. In what ways do traditional grammarians differ from modern linguists?

6. Write an essay on Chomsky's Universal Grammar.

7. Describe and illustrate the morphological processes which are used to construct new words in English.

8. (a) Supply the symbol for the sound that is described below. Then provide one English word containing the sound.

(i) a voiceless velar plosive

(ii) a voiceless palato-alveolar affricate

(iii) a voiced bilabial nasal

(iii) a centring diphthong

(b) Provide two English words to illustrate each of the following:

(i) A word containing a free morpheme

(ii) A word containing a bound morpheme

(iii) A root morpheme plus a derivational suffix

(iv) A root morpheme plus an inflectional suffix

