

SOUTH EASTERN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

**THIRD YEAR EXAMINATIONS IN BACHELOR OF ARTS (EXTERNAL) – 2007 / 2008
HELD IN AUGUST - 2008**

ENG 3.11 - LINGUISTICS AND SYNTAX

Answer five questions selecting at least two from each section.

Time: 03 hours

SECTION – 1

1. What is Language? Illustrate your answer giving at least five characteristics of Language.
2. Write an essay on the sounds of English Language.
3. a. Transcribe the following words:
 - i. Chill
 - ii. Sound
 - iii. Mission
 - iv. Vibration
 - v. Judge
 - vi. Language
- b. Write the words that are denoted by the following phonetic transcripts:
 - i. əgeu
 - ii. nəu
 - iii. ləud
 - iv. kju:kʌmbə
 - v. fri:stail
 - vi. mauθ

4. Write short notes on three of the following:

- i. Phonetics and Phonology
- ii. Word Accent
- iii. Assimilation and Elision
- iv. Tone and Intonation
- v. Organs of Speech

SECTION – 2

5. Write an essay on Adjectives including the following points:

- a. Characteristics
- b. Syntactic functions
- c. Syntactic sub-classification
- d. Order of adjectives in a sentence

6. Discuss the following terms with reference to 'verbs' in English Language:

- i. Finite and Non-finite verbs
- ii. Verb complementation

7. i. What is a Noun?

ii. What is a Noun Phrase?

iii. What are the constituents of a noun phrase?

iv. What are the functions of a noun phrase?

8. Write short notes on four of the following:

- i. Prepositions
- ii. Determiners
- iii. Open word class and Close word class
- iv. Adverbs and Adverbials
- v. Compound and complex sentences
