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B.A IN ENGLISH AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING - LEVEL 6
FINAL EXAMINATION - November 2016
PSYCHOLINGUISTICS & SOCIOLINGUISTICS - LSU 4301
DURATION - THREE HOURS (03 hours)

DATE: 07. 11. 2016 TIME: 9.30 am. - 12.30pm.

ANSWER 4 QUESTIONS CHOOSING 2 FROM PART (A) and 2 PART FROM (B).

PART – A

1. Write short answers to the following questions.
   a) What is a shibboleth? Explain the origin of the term while defining it. Provide examples.
   b) "A Creole is born when someone learns a Pidgin as his/her first language." Define both 'creole' 'pidgin' terms providing examples and explain the above statement.
   c) How has the research finding that women prefer to use standard language more than men do been explained in the literature ?

2. Explain the difference between the Power/Dominance Model and Difference Model of Gender and Language use, providing examples.

3. What are the social factors that are relevant in accounting for a particular variety of language used, and what are the four different dimensions used for analysis which relate to the social factors? Explain with examples.

4. What are the functions that a successful national language needs to serve? What are the problems that may arise from a policy of 'one language one nation'?

(50 marks)

PART –B

5. "Miscue Analysis is an important process that helps in diagnosing children's reading difficulties and monitoring their progress in reading."

   a) Describe the process of Miscue Analysis.

   b) List the common types of miscues made by children when reading aloud and discuss the possible causes. Support your answer with examples.

6. Speech acquisition and production of speech in children consist of several stages. Explain the main features of speech at early stages of development giving appropriate examples. Include examples from Sri Lankan context as well.

7. What are acquired disorders of language? Discuss the causes of two different types of acquired disorders and their features giving examples where necessary.

8. What do you understand by the following? Explain using appropriate examples.

   a) Child Directed Speech

   b) Speech errors

   c) Spreading activation

   d) Dyslexia and Dysgraphia.

(50 marks)