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**St. Joseph’s College (Autonomous)**

**VI Semester BA Examination—April 2017**

**OE 6213 - Optional English Elective - Linguistics**

Time allotted: 3 hours Marks: 100

**Instructions**

1. This paper is for **VI semester BA-EJP** students who have opted for **Linguistics**
2. You are **ALLOWED** to use a dictionary
3. Please stick to the word-limits suggested.
4. This paper contains **TWO**  pages and **THREE** sections

**I. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 250 words each: (3x15=45)**

1. What kind of information can a Verb Phrase contain? Explain with examples
2. Explain the idea of semantic roles with suitable examples. Analyse the sentence “The film transports you to 1920s Paris” in terms of the semantic roles that are visible around the nouns and the verb. Would the sentence work the same way in your mother tongue? Explain why/why not.
3. Explain the ideas of Transformation and Generation in the name Transformational-Generative Grammar.
4. Explain ANY TWO of these ideas in the field of Pragmatics with suitable examples: Deixis, Implicature, Anaphora.

**II. A. Analyse these noun phrases in terms of MHQ: (5x2=10)**

1. An interest in science
2. A divided society
3. A million book purchases by people on the right and the left
4. Books on dinosaurs
5. A professor of law at Yale University

**II. B. Identify the verb groups in each of these sentences and describe the tense that it carries. Remember to point out non-finite forms if you find any: (5x2=10 marks)**

1. The studio 20th Century Fox has lined up Ridley Scott to directa film on the Battle of Britain
2. The film will be written by Matthew Orton, a British screenwriter.
3. The Battle of Britain hasn’t been the focus of a film since 1969 drama *Battle of Britain*, starring Laurence Olivier .
4. Scott is attached to direct two other films before this.
5. Additionally, he is producing a number of other works for TV and film.

**II C: Draw a tree diagram for the sentence given below and explain your diagram in about 150 words. (5+10=15 marks)**

The fool on the hill sees the sun going down.

**III. Read the poem given below and attempt a stylistic analysis in about 300 words. You must pay attention to the way the words are arranged on the page in lines, the choice of lexical items, the structure of the sentences, and the semantic and pragmatic process in the poem. (20 marks)**

**IRANI RESTAURANT INSTRUCTIONS**  
  
Please  
Do not spit  
Do not sit more  
Pay promptly, time is valuable  
Do not write letter  
without order refreshment  
Do not comb,  
hair is spoiling floor  
Do not make mischiefs in cabin  
our waiter is reporting  
Come again  
All are welcome whatever cast  
If not satisfied tell us  
otherwise tell others  
GOD IS GREAT  
  
------ Nissim Ezekiel, 1972