

BA (PART III) (SEMESTER – V)
ENGLISH (SPECIAL) (PAPER – XI)
LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS (CBSC) (DSC – E15)
QUESTION BANK ON GENERAL TOPICS

Q. Choose the correct option from the given alternatives.

1. Language is a system of arbitrary ----- symbols.

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| a. Non-Vocal | b. Vocal |
| c. Mathematical | d. None of the Above |

2. The statement “Language is purely human.” means -----.

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| a. Only human beings use languages | b. Language is pure |
| c. Human beings use pure language. | d. Humans are pure |

3. Language is form of ----- behaviour.

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| a. Economical | b. Political |
| c. Social | d. Psychological |

4. Language is primarily -----.

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| a. Writing | b. Listening |
| c. Reading | d. Speech |

5. “ There is no inherent relation between the word and the object that the word signifies” – this shows that language is -----.

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| a. open-ended | b. Arbitrary |
| c. Infinitely extendable | d. Vocal |

6. ----- in language allows the speakers to construct and understand new sentences.

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| a. Creativity | b. Duality |
| c. Arbitrariness | d. Displacement |

7. Language is ----- dependent.

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| a. Sound | b. Structure |
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c. Human d. Animal

8. At the phonological level, structure of words consists of -----.

a. Sounds b. Language

b. Sentences d. None of the Above

9. Both male and female human beings are the producers and receivers of the messages. This property of language is called -----.

a. Duality b. Open -ended

c. Interchangeability d. Specialization

10 ----- is context free.

a. Animal communication b. Human Language

c. Animal calls d. None of the above

11. Today people can talk about what happened in August 1947 because -----

a. Human language does not need stimulus b. Humans can see the past

c. Humans have magical qualities in them d. None of the Above

12. ----- need stimulus for communication.

a. Human Beings b. Animals

c. Machines d. Neither Humans nor animals

13. ----- refers to the fact that a man can communicate without being physically involved in the act of communication.

a. Specialization b. Displacement

c. Interchangeability d. Duality

14. ----- property of language refers to the fact that language changes according to the changing communication needs.

a. Modifiable b. open ended

c. Arbitrary d. Culturally transmitted

15. ----- property of language refers to the fact that English language of Shakespearean time is different than today's language. That is, Language changes with the time.

a. Modifiable b. Displacement

c. Interchangeability

d. Duality

16. The statement “When a speaker constructs a sentence, she chooses words from several systems and sets according to the rules of the language.” means language is -----.

a. Modifiable

b. Open ended

c. a System of Systems

d. Product of social conventions

17. ----- states that the language is culturally transmitted.

a. Charles Hockett

b. Charles Darwin

c. Prince Charles

d. Charlie Chaplin

18. Animal communication system is ----- transmitted.

a. Culturally

c. Genetically

d. Socially

d. Politically

19. ----- have to acquire language.

a. Human beings

b. Animals

c. Both Animals and Human beings

d. None of the Above

20. ----- is not modifiable.

a. Human Language

b. Animal Communication

c. Both human and Animal Communication

d. None of the above

21. Language is ‘species specific’ means -----.

a. Only human beings have language

b. All species have language

c. Language is not specific

d. None of the Above

22. Language is ‘Species Uniform’ means -----.

a. Some human beings have language

b. No species are uniform

c. All human beings have language

d. None of the Above

23. Human language is affected by -----.

a. Social conventions

b. Animal communication

c. Heredity

d. None of the Above

24. ----- has done research on jackdaws.

a. Charles Hockett

b. Konrad Lorenz

c. Dorothy Cheney

d. Wilkinson

25. In the book, *A Course in Modern Linguistics*, Hockett states that there are ----- key properties of language.

a. 4

b. 5

c. 6

d. 7
