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Candidate's Seat No : _____

M.A. Sem.-3 Examination
505 - Linguistics
Language and Writing Systems
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Time : 2-30 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 70

Q1) Explain the relationship between Speaking and Writing. (14)

Or

Q1) What are the benefits of writing systems over speech?

Q2) Describe in detail the benefits of writing systems. (14)

Or

Q2) Describe in detail the limitations of writing systems.

Q3) Discuss language, literacy and standardization. (14)

Or

Q3) Describe in detail the development of writing.

Q4) Describe the relationship between the development of society and the development of writing systems. (14)

Or

Q4) Describe the types of writing systems according to the relation between Symbols and Units.

Q5) MCQ Questions. (14)

Write any seven MCQs out of the following.

1. Which of the following is a type of writing according to linguistic units?
 - a) Logographic
 - b) Syllabic
 - c) Alphabetic
 - d) All of the above
2. _____ is learned only by instructions and often not learned at all
 - a) Speaking
 - b) Writing
 - c) Talking
 - d) None of the above
3. _____ has expedited communication
 - a) Digitalization
 - b) Picturization
 - c) Animation
 - d) None of the above

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4. Pictograms are _____ symbolization.
 - a) Secondary
 - b) Primary
 - c) Tertiary
 - d) Indexical
5. Petroglyphs are first step towards _____.
 - a) Drawing
 - b) Painting
 - c) Writing
 - d) Speaking
6. The best documented case of the invention of writing is in _____.
 - a) America
 - b) Russia
 - c) England
 - d) Iraq
7. The stability of agricultural life led to _____ the transactions of grain, livestock and land
 - a) keep records for
 - b) Count
 - c) Note down
 - d) All of the above
8. _____ tokens were used to keep the records.
 - a) Wooden
 - b) Clay
 - c) Iron
 - d) Stone
9. Cuneiform Writing was written in _____.
 - a) Column from – Top to Bottom
 - b) Row from – Left to right
 - c) Row Form – Right to Left
 - d) Serpent form
10. Cave Paintings can be traced back up to _____ years ago
 - a) 5,000
 - b) 10,000
 - c) 15,000
 - d) 20,000
