

4/ENG-253 Syllabus-2023

2026

(May-June)

FYUP : 4th Semester Examination

ENGLISH

**(Introduction to General Linguistics
and Phonetics)**

(ENG-253)

Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions.*

SECTION—I

Write short notes on / Answer the following
(any three) : 5×3=15

1. Language as a means of communication
2. International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA)
3. Scope of linguistics
4. Linguistics as a science

5. Human and non-human communication
6. Explain why language is considered a bridge between individuals and society.
7. Distinguish between spoken and written language.
8. Explain any three places of articulation with relevant examples.
9. With the help of a diagram, label the different organs of speech production.
10. Explain any three manners of articulation with relevant examples.
11. Give the English equivalent of any *five* of the following transcriptions : 1×5=5
 - (a) /si:/
 - (b) /bʊk/
 - (c) /wɜ(r)d/
 - (d) /sli:p/
 - (e) /ʃu:/
 - (f) /æp(ə)l/
 - (g) /bɔɪ/
 - (h) /stju:d(ə)nt/

SECTION—II

Answer any *four* of the following questions : 15×4=60

12. Discuss Charles Hockett's design features of language.
13. Discuss the main branches of linguistics.
14. Define phonetics. Discuss the three main branches of phonetics.
15. What is writing system? Discuss the main types of writing systems.
16. Transcribe the following English words using IPA :
 - (a) Ship
 - (b) Eye
 - (c) Beat
 - (d) Come
 - (e) Yell
 - (f) Dog
 - (g) Think
 - (h) Hand
 - (i) Fly
 - (j) Kick
