**Theoretical grammar of English**

**Examination questions**

1. Main concerns of a theory of grammar.
2. Levels of linguistic organization.
3. Etymology of the term ‘grammar’ and approaches to definition.
4. Morphology and syntax as two subdivisions of grammar.
5. What is grammar for a prescriptive grammarian. The earliest prescriptive grammars of English.
6. Main theoretical grammar schools and approaches.
7. Two periods of traditional grammar development.
8. Grammar in ancient Greece and Rome.
9. Non-structural descriptive grammar.
10. Structural descriptive grammar.
11. The main ideas of Chomsky’s grammar.
12. The notion of scientific method. The general classification of scientific methods.
13. Classification of special linguistic methods.
14. Studying the grammatical level of the language: main methods, procedures and approaches.
15. Grammar schools within the linguistic paradigm of structuralism.
16. The method of oppositions.
17. Distributional analysis.
18. The method of immediate constituents.
19. Transformational analysis.
20. Basic components of Chomsky’s generative grammar.
21. Fillmore’s case grammar and his frame theory.
22. The notion and types of grammatical meaning.
23. The notion of grammatical category.
24. Characteristic features of the noun as a word class.
25. Grammatical categories of the noun.
26. Problems related to the identification and definition of the word.
27. Charles Fries and his ideas on the structure of English.
28. Principles of grouping words into word classes.
29. Modern views on the notion of a word class and classification of word classes.
30. ‘Word’ in lexicology vs ‘word class’ in grammar.
31. Adjectives as a word class.
32. Meanings and functions of adjectives.
33. Distinguishing adjectives from adverbs and statives.
34. Pros and cons of statives as a word class
35. Adverb as a word class
36. Adverb as a word class and adverbial as an element of clause structure.
37. Formal characteristics of adverbs.
38. Semantic categories and groups of adverbs.
39. Functions of adverbs.
40. The problem of phrasal verbs in modern English.
41. Verb as a word class.
42. Semantic domains of verbs.
43. Grammatical categories of verbs.
44. Types of verbs according to the function in the verb phrase.
45. The problem of the category of aspect in modern English grammar.
46. The category of voice in modern English grammar.
47. Mood as the category of verbs in modern English grammar.
48. Syntax: approaches to definition.
49. The notion of ‘autonomous syntax’.
50. N. Chomsky’s ‘standard theory’: main ideas.
51. Deep and surface structures in Chomsky’s theory.
52. Key terms of generative grammar.
53. The notion of phrase in grammatical studies and types of phrases.
54. Subject as a part of the sentence.
55. Predicate in traditional grammar and in modern English syntax.
56. Object as a part of the sentence.
57. Attributive as a part of the sentence.
58. Syntactic structure of predication.
59. Syntactic structure of complementation. Types of complements.
60. Syntactic structure of modification.