

**THIRD SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE (REGULAR) EXAMINATION
NOVEMBER 2019**

(CUCSS)

English

EN 3C 06—ENGLISH LANGUAGE : HISTORY AND STRUCTURE

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 36 Weightage

I. Answer *all* the following questions in a word, phrase *or* sentence :

- 1 Name two languages derived from West Germanic other than English.
- 2 The word, 'beg' is derived as a result of _____.
- 3 'Bishop' and 'Pope' are loan words of _____ language.
- 4 Define Slang.
- 5 What is Parole ?
- 6 Which are the nasal sounds in English ?
- 7 What is meant by the Synchronic study of language ?
- 8 Define a Syllable.

(8 × ½ = 4 weightage)

II. Answer any *six* of the following questions in a paragraph of about 150 words each :

- 9 Attempt a broad transcription of the following passage :
I have told you that the grass plot was twenty feet square. On the far side to that from which I had approached there was a fallen tree, lying north and south. This tree was about four feet in diameter, and, as it was lying along the edge of the grass plot in the middle of which I was standing, it was ten feet away from me. For a long time I stared at this motionless, object.
- 10 Give a brief description of Ablaut.
- 11 Old English spelling system.
- 12 Levelled inflections.
- 13 Contribution of printing press in the growth and evolution of English language.
- 14 What is meant by Intonation ?
- 15 Explain 'Back formation'.
- 16 What is meant by 'Generalization' in change of meaning ?

Turn over

17 Contributions of Chaucer to English Language.

18 Deep structure and Surface structure.

(6 × 2 = 12 weightage)

III. Write an essay of about 450 words each on any *four* of the following questions, choosing one from each section :

Section A

19 Language as the oral and written form of communication.

20 Trace the origin of English language.

21 What is Semiology ? How language can be considered as part of Semiology ?

Section B

22 Compare the features of Old English and Middle English.

23 Briefly explain the French influence on English language.

24 Describe the contributions of the major writers to the English language.

Section C

25 What are the processes involved in the change of meaning in English language ?

26 Elaborate the various processes involved in the growth of vocabulary.

27 Trace the evolution of Standard English.

Section D

28 Attempt a classification of the Vowels and Consonants in English.

29 Describe the structural approach to the study of grammar.

30 Ferdinand de Saussure and his contribution to Linguistics.

(4 × 5 = 20 weightage)