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**THIRD SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 2012**

(CUCSS)

English

**EN 3C 06—THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE : HISTORY AND STRUCTURE**

(2010 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 36 Weightage

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

- 1 Define a Morphophonemics.
- 2 What is meant by cultural transmission of language ?
- 3 Transcribe and mark stress in the word “academician”.
- 4 What is a basic sentence ?
- 5 What is degeneration of meaning ?
- 6 What is Falling-Rising Tone and how is it employed ?
- 7 Define Competence.
- 8 Differentiate between British and American pronunciation of the word “secretary”.

(8 × ½ = 4 weightage)

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

- 9 Elements of semiology.
- 10 Allomorphic variations.
- 11 Features of General Indian English.
- 12 Elision and Assimilation.
- 13 Phonemic and Phonetic Transcriptions.
- 14 Specialization of Meaning.
- 15 The influence of French in the vocabulary of English associated with cookery.
- 16 IPA script.
- 17 Free and Bound Morphemes.
- 18 Ambiguity and TG Grammar.

(6 × 2 = 12 weightage)

**Turn over**

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

**Section A**

- 19 Trace the descent of English from the Indo-European family of languages.
- 20 Animals, no matter how intelligent, do not possess language in the way we understand the term language. Discuss.
- 21 Language is a system of systems that mediates between the world of sounds and the world of experience. Elucidate.

**Section B**

- 22 Examine the reduction and loss of inflections during the Middle English period.
- 23 Trace the influence of Indian languages on English.
- 24 Examine the contribution of Bible Translators to the development of the English language.

**Section C**

- 25 Write an essay on the word building processes in English.
- 26 What are the problems of spelling in English ? To What extent have they been overcome ?
- 27 Examine the differences between the British and American varieties of the English language.

**Section D**

- 28 Write an essay on the organs of speech and how they impact the articulation of speech sounds.
- 29 What are Suprasegmental features ? Examine with reference to the English language.
- 30 Examine the rationale of T.G. Grammar, with suitable examples.

(4 × 5 = 20 weightage)