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THIRD SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 2016

(CUCSS)

English

EN 3C 06—ENGLISH LANGUAGE : HISTORY AND STRUCTURE

(2012 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 36 Weightage

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

- 1 Who introduced IC Analysis for the first time ?
- 2 What is a copula ? Give an example.
- 3 Provide *two* examples of compound words.
- 4 What do you mean by transition in linguistics ?
- 5 Define 'pitch' in linguistics.
- 6 PS rules are also known as _____.
- 7 Differentiate between morpheme and allomorph.
- 8 What is a homophone ?

(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 :

Bangladesh white-washed Pakistan in a one-day International series for the first time after winning the third match by an emphatic eight wickets on Wednesday. Bangladesh went into the match having already achieved a first win over their opponent.

- 10 Spelling reform in English.
- 11 Classification of consonant sounds in English language.
- 12 Methods of disambiguation.
- 13 Traditional Grammar Vs. Modern Grammar.
- 14 Cardinal vowels.
- 15 Indo-European family of languages.
- 16 Write a short note on animal communication.

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- 17 Immediate Constituent Analysis.
18 Attempt an IC analysis of the following sentence :
The car accident took place in the early morning.

(6 × 2 = 12 weightage)

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

Section A

- 19 Briefly describe the characteristics of human language as a system of communication.
20 Write a short essay on semiology and its relevance in the study of language and communication.
21 What is binary opposition between phonemes ? Explain how it helps linguistic communication.

Section B

- 22 How do you explain the argument that the Bible has influenced tremendously in the growth of English language ?
23 Critically look at the various historical stages in the evolution of the English language.
24 Explain briefly the influence of Indian languages on English language.

Section C

- 25 What are the various types of semantic changes ? Explain a few of them with examples.
26 Describe various forms of word-building methods used in the English language with specific examples.
27 Write an essay on the non-native verities of English language.

Section D

- 28 Write a brief essay on Transformational Generative Grammar pointing out its advantages in linguistic analysis.
29 What do you mean by organs of speech ? Explain organs of speech with proper illustrations.
30 What are the various elements in a language ? Answer with specific reference to English.

(4 × 5 = 20 weightage)