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Fourth Semester B.A. Degree Examination, March 2020

First Degree Programme under CBCSS

Complementary Course

EN 1431 / CG 1431 : HISTORY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Common for English Language and Literature

(2014 Admission onwards)

AND

Career Related 2(a) English and Communicative English

(2014 Admission)

Time : 3 Hours Max. Marks : 80

I. Answer **all** questions, each in **a** word or sentence :

1. How do we refer to the English in which Chaucer wrote?

2. To which language family do English and Swedish belong?

3. "He is going to ask Neeta's father for her hand today" – Which literary device is the underlined phrase an example of?

4. "Before I go, I'd like to divide my property equally among my two children." What figure of speech can you identify in this sentence?

5. Which Portmanteau word signifies a meal that is had in between a breakfast and lunch?

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6. What would be the American spelling of the word 'Cheque'?

7. Which among the following is not possible through animal communication:
Expressing Anger, Expressing Joy, Expressing Longing, Expressing Pity.

8. When was Johnson's dictionary published?

9. What is Old English?

10. 'Hath' in Chaucer's English would today correspond to?

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

II. Answer any **eight**, each in **a short paragraph** not exceeding **50** words :

11. What is amelioration? Provide examples.

12. The West Germanic group of languages.

13. The Great Vowel Shift.

14. Scandinavian influence on the English language.

15. Norman conquest.

16. Advent of printing in England and its effect on English spellings.

17. Synaesthesia.

18. Colonization and the growth of Englishes.

19. Language families.

20. Standard English.

21. Synchronic and Diachronic study of language.

22. Metonymy v/s synecdoche.

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

III. Answer any **six**, **each in a paragraph** not exceeding **100** words :

23. Renaissance and the English language.

24. Dr. Johnson's Dictionary.

25. How would you compare and contrast slang and jargon?

26. Shakespeare's contribution to the English language.

27. The English grammar.

28. Human and animal communication

29. Grimm's Law.

30. Growth of the English vocabulary.

31. Dialects of English.

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

IV. Answer any **two** in about **300** words :

32. Describe the growth of English from Old English to Modern English outlining the various reforms and influences on the language.

33. Describe the influence of The Bible on the English language.

34. Loan words in English.

35. The Principles word formation and the growth of a language, with special reference to English.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)
