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Career Related First Degree Programme Under CBCSS

Group 2 (a) – English and Communicative English

Complementary Course IV

CG 1431 — HISTORY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND PHONETICS

(2015-2018 Admission)

Time : 3 Hours Max. Marks : 80

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

1. Which air stream mechanism is used by English sounds?
2. What is meant by voiceless sounds?
3. Name the languages which belong to the Germanic family.
4. Name the most popular Old English dialect.
5. Name first English epic.
6. Which law helped in grouping Germanic languages?
7. Write any two words contributed by Tyndale?
8. Name any two non Indo European language families.

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9. Give any two examples for acronym.

10. What is syllabic structure of the word 'trash'?

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

II. Answer **any eight** of the following in about **fifty** words each.

11. Explain phoneme.

12. What are the dialects in Middle English?

13. What are the two approaches to the study of language?

14. Define phonology.

15. Explain semi vowels.

16. Define R.P.

17. What are fricative consonants?

18. Explain generalization and give examples.

19. Write a note on the contribution of Shakespeare to English language.

20. Explain metathesis.

21. What is meant by elision?

22. What are the factors that contributed to the development of English language in the Modern English period?

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

III. Answer **any six** of the following in about **hundred** words each.

23. Write a short note on allophonic variations.

24. Explain intonation.

25. Write a note on sentence stress.

26. Explain diphthongs.

27. Write a note on Centum and Satem group of languages.

28. Write a note on OE vocabulary.

29. Explain cardinal vowels.

30. Explain back formation.

31. Transcribe the following words and mark the stress: below, misquote, inject, etiquette, photograph.

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

IV. Answer **any two** of the following in about **three hundred** words each.

32. Describe in detail the main processes of meaning changes in English.

33. Explain in detail the organs of speech involved in sound production.

34. Describe the contribution of The Bible to the growth of English language.

35. Transcribe the following phonemically and mark sentence stress

Professor : I need some teaching materials from one of the reference books. Since the photocopier in the library is not working, could I get it photocopied from outside.

Librarian : We don't usually allow reference books to be taken outside the library. But since our machine is not working. I guess there is no other alternative. How much time do you need to get the copies, sir?

Professor : Just about an hour.

Librarian : Alright. Let me take down the details of the book.

Professor : Sure. Thank you.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)
