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Fourth Semester B.A. Degree Examination, May 2021

First Degree Programme under CBCSS

English Language and Literature

Complementary Course

EN 1431 : HISTORY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE

(2019 Admission Regular)

Time : 3 Hours Max. Marks : 80

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

1. Write any one definition of language.
2. Write the name of any four language families.
3. How did surname become a practice in English during Middle English period?
4. What is meant by 'King James Bible"?
5. Write any two idioms, which came from the Authorized Version of the Bible.
6. What is Euphemism?
7. Explain the metonymic function of language.
8. What is jargon?
9. Write any four words connected to fine arts and warfare borrowed from Italian to English.
10. What is pidgin?

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

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

11. Explain transferability of human language.
12. Old English Dialects.
13. Middle English spelling.
14. Which are the three ways by which loan words came into English?
15. What is widening?
16. Write about the spelling difference between American and British English.
17. What is the difference between a regional dialect and social dialect?
18. What was the importance of Macaulay's 'Minute' in the context of Indian English?
19. Write any four differences between the vowel systems of RP and GIE.
20. Point out some of the grammatical features of New Englishes.
21. Explain Satem Languages.
22. What are the specialities of Middle English Grammar?
23. Describe the Modern English period.
24. Explain the theory of Creole continuum.
25. Explain Pedigree Theory.
26. What are the reasons for the Great Vowel Shift?

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

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

27. Characteristics of Germanic /Proto Germanic Languages.
28. Explain Verner's Law.
29. The Old English Period.

30. Middle English Dialects.

31. In what ways did the Reformation influence English language?

32. Printing press and the development of English language.

33. Write a short note on the Greek influence on English language.

34. Explain the contributions made by John Milton to the development of English language?

35. Chaucer and the English Language.

36. The significance of Dr. Johnson's English Dictionary.

37. What are the differences between British and American pronunciation?

38. Nehru's contribution to the development of Indian English.

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

IV. Answer any **two**, **each** in about **300** words.

39. Write about foreign influences on English in the 17^{th}, 18^{th} and 19^{th} centuries.

40. Explain the most important features of Indian English.

41. Discuss English as a global language.

42. Explain different language families.

43. Describe the different varieties of English language.

44. Write about the attempts to reform English.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)
