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Fourth Semester B.A. Degree Examination, August 2022

First Degree Programme under CBCSS

English Language and Literature

Complementary Course IV

EN 1431 : HISTORY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE

(2019 Admission)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

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

1. What is meant by 'compounding'? Give examples.

2. Define the term 'diachronic study' of language?

3. Which country's contribution to the English vocabulary are the words 'almirah' and 'ghee'?

4. What is the corresponding American English word for 'native town'?

5. What is 'apocope'? Give examples.

6. What does the term 'sociolect' mean? Provide examples.

7. Define 'metonymy'.

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8. What are the corresponding American-English spelling of the words 'theatre' and 'programme'?

9. Name the semantic process in which the successive changes are like the links of a chain.

10. The word 'goodbye' is an example of ———— kind of word-formation.

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

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

11. What is Freak formation?

12. List out the three differences in pronunciation between British English and American English with examples.

13. What is a dialect?

14. Word-formation through Metanalysis/Reanalysis.

15. Standard English.

16. Words from Proper Nouns.

17. Influence of the colonies in enriching the English vocabulary.

18. Chaucer's contribution to the English Language.

19. Telescoping.

20. Italic group of languages.

21. Slang and Jargon.

22. Development of Dictionaries.

23. Onomatopoeia

24. Flux in language

25. Grimm's law.

26. Discuss the arbitrary nature of human language.

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

III. Answer any **six** of the following in a paragraph of around **100** words.

27. The dialects of Old English.

28. Evaluate the impact of the Renaissance on the development of the English Language.

29. Spenser's contribution to the development of English vocabulary.

30. Dr. Johnson's Dictionary.

31. The role of the Printing press in English language.

32. Polysemy

33. Prospects of spelling Reform and the Early Modern English

34. Norman conquest

35. Portmanteau words

36. Discuss the distinct features of Human Language

37. Indo-Iranian Languages.

38. King Alfred

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

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

39. The English language ceased to be the sole possession of the English some time ago" comment on the concept of "Englishes".

40. Discuss the differences between human and animal communication systems.

41. Trace the influence of Latin on Old English.

42. Describe the chief characteristics of the Germanic Languages.

43. Attempt an essay on the impact of translations of the Bible on English Language.

44. What are the different ways in which vocabulary of English Language increased?

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)
