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Fourth Semester B.A. Degree Examination, July 2023

First Degree Programme under CBCSS

English Language and Literature / English and Communicative English

Complementary Course IV

EN 1431 / CG 1431 : HISTORY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE

(EN 1431 : 2013 – 2019 Admission, CG 1431 : 2013 & 2014 Admissions)

Time : 3 Hours Max. Marks : 80

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

1. English belongs to _____branch of the Indo-European family.
2. Write the name of any two language families.
3. Avestan is a language that forms part of the _____group.
4. The Germanic branch is divided into _____sub-branches.
5. Write any two idioms, which came from the Authorized Version of the Bible.
6. In Middle English, the infinitive form of a verb was indicated by _____
7. Write any two words related to Diplomacy, borrowed from French to English.
8. What is Jargon?
9. Write any two words connected to warfare borrowed from Italian to English.
10. The vowel /ɑː/ as in 'father' is pronounced as _____in American English.

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

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II. Answer any **eight** from the following not exceeding 50 words.

11. Verbs in Old English.

12. Discuss major changes in the language during the Middle English period.

13. features of Middle English Grammar.

14. Deterioration.

15. What is Elevation in language?

16. What does synesthesia refer to in languages?

17. Semantics.

18. How does 'New English' vocabulary develop?

19. Write any four differences between the vowel systems of RP and GIE.

20. Centum Languages.

21. Proto-Indo-European languages.

22. Write 10 Proper nouns and their derivatives from Indian languages into English.

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

III. Answer any **six** from the following not exceeding 120 words.

23. Development of dictionaries.

24. Prescriptive Grammar.

25. Spelling reforms in 16th century.

26. Middle English Dialects and the development of the English language.

27. Grimm's law.

28. British English and American English sound noticeably different- Explain.

29. Spenser has tried to revive English vocabulary – Explain.

30. Growth of science and English vocabulary.

31. English as the language of Multimedia.

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

IV. Answer any **two** of the following in about 300 words.

32. Human languages differ significantly from animal communication – Elaborate.

33. Shakespeare's contribution to the development of the English language is significant - Critically evaluate.

34. Write an essay about the attempts to reform English spelling.

35. English is not only an international language but also a global language- Critically evaluate.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)