

THIRD SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 2017

(CUCSS)

English

EN 3C 06—ENGLISH LANGUAGE : HISTORY AND STRUCTURE

(2012 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 36 Weightage

I. Answer *all* the following questions in a word, phrase or sentence :

- 1 Russian belongs to which branch of Indo-European language ?
- 2 'Brunch' is an example of ——— word.
- 3 'Mutton' is a loan word from ——— language.
- 4 What are Creoles ?
- 5 Who is the author of *Syntactic Structures* ?
- 6 Which are the voiceless sounds in English ?
- 7 What is IPA ?
- 8 Define Parole.

(8 × ½ = 4 weightage)

II. Answer any *six* of the following questions in a paragraph of about 150 words each:

9 Attempt a broad transcription of the following passage :

The list of creatures that have vanished altogether, and others that has almost vanished, is a long and melancholy one. As man spread across the earth, he has wrought the most terrible havoc among the wildlife-by shooting, trapping, cutting and burning the forest, and by the callous and stupid introduction of enemies where there were no enemies before.

- 10 What are the limitations of Animal communication ?
- 11 Explain Grimm's Law.
- 12 What is grammatical gender system ?
- 13 Middle English Dialects.
- 14 Give a brief sketch of Bible translations.
- 15 Competence and Performance in Linguistics.

- 16 Differentiate between Telescoping and Metanalysis.
- 17 What is 'Specialization' in Semantics ?
- 18 Word stress and sentence stress.

(6 × 2 = 12 weightage)

III. Write an essay of about 450 words each on any *four* of the following questions, choosing one from each section :

Section A

- 19 Indo-European language family and the evolution of English.
- 20 What are features of Germanic languages ?
- 21 Difference between Animal and Human communication.

Section B

- 22 Peculiarities of Old English.
- 23 Briefly explain the major foreign influences on English vocabulary.
- 24 Describe the evolution of English as a Global Language.

Section C

- 25 Which are the native varieties of English language ? Attempt a comparative study of British and American varieties.
- 26 Elaborate the various processes involved in the growth of vocabulary.
- 27 What are the problems associated with English spelling ?

Section D

- 28 Elaborate on the Supra-segmental features in English.
- 29 What are the fallacies of traditional grammar ?
- 30 How morphemes are classified ? What are the different types of affixes to morphemes ?

(4 × 5 = 20 weightage)