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**FIRST SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE (REGULAR/SUPPLEMENTARY)
EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2025**

(CBCSS)

English

ENG 1C 03—HISTORY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

I. Write short essays on any *five* of the following in 200 words each :

- 1 Discuss the characteristic features of Old English with special reference to the dialects of that era.
- 2 Elaborate on the foreign influences on English.
- 3 Comment on the impact of colonialism on English language.
- 4 Grimm's Law.
- 5 Caxton and the printing press.
- 6 Attempt a short essay on the different types of semantic changes with suitable examples.
- 7 Comment on the features of Indian English.

(5 × 2 = 10 weightage)

II. Write essays on any *four* of the following in 450 words each :

- 8 Elaborate on the Indo-European family of languages and the descent of English from the same.
- 9 Comment on the characteristic features of Middle English period.
- 10 Discuss the contributions of major writers to the growth of English language.
- 11 Different factors that contributed to the growth of vocabulary in English.
- 12 Comment on the various attempts to reform English spelling.
- 13 "The English language ceased to be the sole possession of the English some time ago". Comment.

(4 × 5 =20 weightage)