

THIRD SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE (REGULAR) EXAMINATION  
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(CUCSS)

English

EN 3C 06—ENGLISH LANGUAGE : HISTORY AND STRUCTURE

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 36 Weightage

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

- 1 Name two languages derived from West Germanic other than English.
- 2 The word, 'beg' is derived as a result of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 'Bishop' and 'Pope' are loan words of \_\_\_\_\_ language.
- 4 Define Slang.
- 5 What is Parole ?
- 6 Which are the nasal sounds in English ?
- 7 What is meant by the Synchronic study of language ?
- 8 Define a Syllable.

(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 :

I have told you that the grass plot was twenty feet square. On the far side to that from which I had approached there was a fallen tree, lying north and south. This tree was about four feet in diameter, and, as it was lying along the edge of the grass plot in the middle of which I was standing, it was ten feet away from me. For a long time I stared at this motionless, object.

- 10 Give a brief description of Ablaut.
- 11 Old English spelling system.
- 12 Levelled inflections.
- 13 Contribution of printing press in the growth and evolution of English language.
- 14 What is meant by Intonation ?
- 15 Explain 'Back formation'.
- 16 What is meant by 'Generalization' in change of meaning ?

Turn over