

**FIRST SEMESTER M.A./M.Sc./M.Com. DEGREE EXAMINATION
DECEMBER 2019**

(CBCSS)

English

ENG 1C 03—HISTORY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE

(2019 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

I. Write short essays on any *five* of the following in 300 words each :

- 1 Explain the contributions made by major writers to the growth of English vocabulary.
- 2 Discuss the role played by English in the digital age.
- 3 What is meant by Great Vowel Shift ? Briefly describe it with adequate illustrations.
- 4 Comment on the impact of the Norman Conquest on the English Language.
- 5 How did the Anglo-Saxons influence the English language ?
- 6 Elucidate on the attempts made to reform the English Spelling.
- 7 Explain the Latin and Greek influences on English Language.

(5 × 2 = 10 weightage)

II. Write essays on any *four* of the following in 600 words each :

- 8 What are the major difference between Modern and Middle English ?
- 9 Write a note on the Indo-European language family tracing the development of the English language.
- 10 Discuss the status of English in the postcolonial world.
- 11 Trace the characteristics of the Middle English period in comparison with the old English period.
- 12 Differentiate between American and British English with examples.
- 13 Briefly discuss the different types of semantic changes and its importance in English.

(4 × 5 = 20 weightage)