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B. A. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, OCTOBER 2016
SEMESTER III – COMPLEMENTARY COURSE (ENGLISH)
EN3C01B – HISTORY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Time: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 80

PART A

(Short answer questions)

I. Answer all questions. Each question carries 1 mark

1. The Bow-wow theory.
2. The Afro-Asiatic family of language.
3. Old English dialects.
4. Scandinavian influence.
5. What is a Creole?
6. Comment on the relevance of Latin during Renaissance.

(6x1=6)

PART B

(Brief answer questions)

II. Answer any seven questions. Each question carries 2 marks

7. Ablaut.
8. Indo-European family.
9. Satem and Centum languages.
10. The Gesture theory.
11. Norman conquest.
12. East Midland dialect.
13. What is a slang?
14. Comment on the influence of French on Chaucer's English.
15. What is acronymy?
16. Why English is considered as a link language?

(7x2=14)

PART C

(Descriptive Short essay questions)

III. Answer any five questions. Each question carries 6 marks

17. Sound changes in English.
18. The great vowel shift.
19. What are the characteristics of Germanic family?
20. Reformation.
21. The influence of Printing press on English.
22. American English.
23. Evolution of Standard English.
24. Old English poetry.

(5x6=30)

PART D

(Long essay type questions)

IV. Answer any two questions. Each question carries 15 marks

25. Write an essay on the position of English in the Indo-European family of languages.
26. Discuss the major features of Modern English.
27. French loan words in English.
28. Comment on the position of English as a Global language.

(2x15=30)