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B. A. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, OCTOBER 2018
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SEMESTER III - COMPLEMENTARY COURSE (ENGLISH)
EN3C01B – HISTORY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Time: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 80

PART A

I Answer all questions. Each question carries 1 mark

1. Define language
2. The gesture Theory
3. Comment on the influence of French on Chaucer's English
4. The relevance of Latin during the Renaissance.
5. Comment on the plural form of the word index.
6. Give two reasons for the adoption and discarding of words in a language.

(6x1=6)

PART B

II Answer any seven questions. Each question carries 2 marks

7. Verner's Law
8. Umlaut
9. The Ding-Dong Theory
10. Comment on the Celtic branch of Germanic languages
11. The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle
12. Comment on the Old English Dialects
13. Dr. Johnson's Dictionary
14. Why is English considered a Link language?
15. Back-formation.
16. Briefly mention the changes in modern vocabulary resulting from the introduction of prefixes, suffixes and compound words

(7x2=14)

PART C

III Answer any five questions. Each question carries 6 marks

17. What is meant by system in language?
18. The Germanic languages and their distinguishing features.
19. Satem and Centum languages.
20. The contribution of the Bible to English Vocabulary.
21. The influence of printing on English
22. English as a global language
23. The Great Vowel Shift
24. Indian English

(5x6=30)

PART D

IV Answer any two questions. Each question carries 15 marks

25. Trace the Indo-European family of languages and show how English is a part of it?
26. Comment on the changes that happened in the Middle English Grammar
27. French Loan Words
28. English today and tomorrow.

(2x15=30)