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THIRD SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 2015

(CUCSS)

English

EN 3C 06—ENGLISH LANGUAGE : HISTORY AND STRUCTURE

(2012 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 36 Weightage

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

- 1 What is the normal tone of a Wh-question ?
- 2 What is a sentence ?
- 3 Language is a system of purely rational symbols. True or False ?
- 4 The nucleus of a ——— is called 'root'.
- 5 Define ellipsis.
- 6 Expand EST and REST.
- 7 What is a diacritic ?
- 8 The study of language variations over a period of time is a ——— study.

(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 :

Not surprisingly, barely ten per cent of domestic workers around the world are covered by general labour legislation in comparison with those in other sectors. A 2013 International Labour Organisation report shows that the Asia-Specific region has the maximum prevalence of domestic labour, about 41 percent. But it is the weakest in terms of protection.

- 10 Modal Auxiliaries in English.
- 11 Stress and Intonation patterns.
- 12 Broad and narrow transcription.
- 13 Speech and writing.
- 14 Language varieties.
- 15 Binary opposition.
- 16 Consonant sounds.

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17 Cardinal vowels.

18 Attempt an IC analysis of the following sentence :

The Supreme Court pulled up the Central Government for procedural lapses.

(6 × 2 = 12 weightage)

III. Write an essay of 450 words each on any *four* of the following questions, choosing *one* from each section :

Section A

19 What are the fundamental differences between human linguistic communications and animal communication system ?

20 Explain the idea of language family. Trace the genealogy of English language in a specific language family.

21 What are the features of language that help the communication of ideas ?

Section B

22 English has under gone various stages during its development from Old English to Modern English. Explain.

23 Discuss the influence of Greek, Latin, French and Indian languages on English.

24 Write an essay on the contributions of major writers and translators in the development of English language.

Section C

25 Word building is a never ending process in any language. With suitable examples give a short note on word-building processes in English.

26 Write an essay on General Indian English with illustrative examples.

27 What do you mean by semantic change in linguistics ? Discuss various types of semantic change.

Section D

28 What are the major differences between traditional grammar and modern grammar ?

29 Describe briefly various organs of speech and point out their functions in the production of speech sounds.

30 Write a short essay on the basic premises of Transformational Generative Grammar.

(4 × 5 = 20 weightage)