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(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 Vocooid and contoid.
- 2 What is an isogloss ?
- 3 The study of language variations at a particular point of time is a study.
- 4 What do you understand by EST and REST ?
- 5 Provide an example for ellipsis.
- 6 Who proposed the concepts of deep structure and surface structure ?
- 7 Define a phrase.
- 8 What is a juncture ?

(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 :—

The task of mobilising domestic workers to assert their rights to fair terms of employment is most formidable. The workplace is an extremely amorphous term in this particular context, as it typically connotes more than one household. The isolated and unprotected nature of the activity exposes workers, more than 80 percent of whom are women, to greater vulnerability.

- 10 Linguistic ambiguities.
- 11 Competence and performance.
- 12 Modal auxiliaries.
- 13 Suprasegmental features.
- 14 Received Pronunciation.
- 15 Passive transformation.

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- 16 Bible translations into English.
- 17 Speech and writing.
- 18 Attempt an IC analysis of the following sentence :—

Yesterday an Indian-American won the most coveted spelling competition.

(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 Human language is a complex system of systems. Provide a brief account on the features of human language.
- 20 Discuss various language families with special reference to the position of English language in such a family.
- 21 Distinguish between animal communication system and human linguistic communication system.

Section B

- 22 Write a brief essay on the contributions of major writers in the development of English language.
- 23 English language has undergone various stages in its development from Old English to Modern English. Explain.
- 24 With special reference to Latin, Greek and French, discuss foreign influence on the English language.

Section C

- 25 Word-building processes are language specific and purely arbitrary. What are the various types of word-building methods in English ?
- 26 Write a short essay on various non-native varieties of the English language.
- 27 What are the various types of semantic changes? Substantiate your answer with proper examples.

Section D

- 28 Provide a brief description of all the consonant sounds in English Received Pronunciation.
- 29 What is a morpheme ? Discuss various types of morphemes with specific examples.
- 30 What are the main advantages of Transformational Generative Grammar over the earlier theories of grammar ?

(4 × 5 = 20 weightage)