

FIRST SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2025

(CBCSS - PG)

(Regular/Supplementary/Improvement)

CC19PENG1C03 - HISTORY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE

(English Literature)

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

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

1. Bring out a few significant differences between Old English and Middle English.
2. Bring out a few significant differences between Middle English and Modern English.
3. How do you think that the classical poets of English has contributed to the enrichment of English language?
4. Compare and contrast pidgin and creole.
5. Comment briefly on the apparent discrepancy between the spelling and pronunciation in Modern English.
6. Write a short note on the 'rise of Englishes'.
7. Give an account of the history of Indian English and how English was first introduced in India.

(5 × 2 = 10 Weightage)II. Write essays on any **four** of the following in about 600 words each:

8. How do you locate English as an Indo-European language?
9. Bring out the major changes and developments that took place in English language during the Modern Period following the Great Vowel Shift.
10. Give an account of the important principles underlying changes in meaning in English words.
11. Compare and contrast the Greek and Latin influence on English language vocabulary.
12. What do you mean by "new Englishes"? Write an essay on the rise of new Englishes.
13. In what all ways do you think English language is impacted by science and technology?

(4 × 5 = 20 Weightage)