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FIRST SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2023

(CBCSS - PG)

(Regular/Supplementary/Improvement)

CC19P ENG1 C03 - HISTORY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE

(English)

(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. What are portmanteau words? Write short notes on blending, telescoping and compounding.
2. Briefly describe any five ways in which semantic changes take place in English language.
3. Chaucer's language shows Modern English grammar in its making. Comment.
4. Specialization in Language - Pidgins and Creoles.
5. Critically comment on the spelling reforms in English.
6. Examine briefly the differences between British and American English.
7. Reflect on the position and significance of English in the Post-colonial world.

(5 × 2 = 10 Weightage)

II. Write essays on any *four* of the following in about 600 words each:

8. Trace the evolution of English language considering the various stages, influences and contributions.
9. What is meant by the Great Vowel Shift? What were the major consequential changes that occurred in English language following this?
10. Write an essay on the various word formation methods in English language.
11. Compare and contrast the Greek and Latin influence on English language vocabulary.
12. Illustrate how English vocabulary has been enriched by the impact of science and technology.
13. Write an essay on the role of English in the digital age.

(4 × 5 = 20 Weightage)
