THIRD SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOV. 2016

(CUCSS - PG)

(English Language and Literature)

CC15P EN3 C06 - English Language: History and Structure

(2015 Admission)

Time: Three Hours Maximum: 36 Weightage

- I. Answer all the following questions in a word, phrase or sentence:
- 1. Which are the passive articulators?
- 2. Give two examples for semi vowels in English.
- 3. Transcribe and mark the primary stress of 'education'.
- 4. What is a phoneme?
- 5. Write two weak forms of 'have'?
- 6. What is meant by elevation?
- 7. What do you mean by a diachronic study?
- 8. What is vocoid?

 $(8 \times 1/2 = 4 \text{ Weightage})$

- 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:

Some children do not make good travelling companions, for they will do nothing but whimper or howl throughout a journey, or they will spend all their time daubing their faces with chocolate or trying to climb out of the window.

- 10. Explain the difference between voiced sounds and voiceless sounds
- 11. Frictionless Continuant
- 12. R.P.
- 13. Vocal cords
- 14. Allomorphs
- 15. Explain the terms Deep structure and Surface Structure
- 16. What are the limitations of I.C. analysis
- 17. The manner of articulation of consonants
- 18. Bible translation into English

 $(6 \times 2 = 12 \text{ Weightage})$

IV. 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 an account of the features of human language
- 20. Explain the position of the English language in the Indo European family
- 21. Explain what is meant by the statement that language is a system of systems.

Section B

- 22. Write a brief essay on the contribution 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. Write an essay on how Greek and Latin languages have influenced English

Section C

- 25. Write an essay on General Indian English with illustrative examples.
- 26. What do you mean by semantic changes in linguistics? Discuss various types of semantic changes
- 27. Write an essay on the various methods of word formation.

Section D

- 28. Write an essay on the various organs of speech used for human speech mechanism.
- 29. Write a short essay on the basic premises of Transformational Generative Grammar
- 30. How does modern grammar become an improvement upon traditional grammar

 $(4 \times 5 = 20 \text{ Weightage})$
