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FIRST SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE (REGULAR/SUPPLEMENTARY) EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2020

(CBCSS)

English

ENG 1C 03—HISTORY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE

(2019 Admissions)

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 30 Weightage

General Instructions

- 1. In cases where choices are provided, students can attend all questions in each section.
- 2. The minimum number of questions to be attended from the Section/Part shall remain the same.
- 3. There will be an overall ceiling for each Section/Part that is equivalent to the maximum weightage of the Section/Part.

Section A

Write short essays on any five of the following in 300 words each:

- 1 Briefly discuss the Indo-European family of languages.
- 2 What the characteristics of Modern English?
- 3 How did the English Bible enrich the language as a whole?
- 4 Explain Greek and Latin influences on the English Language.
- 5 Write a note on Indian English.
- 6 What are Creoles? How are they different from pidgins?
- 7 Comment on the role of English in the digital age.

 $(5 \times 2 = 10 \text{ weightage})$

Section B

Write essays on any four of the following in 600 words each:

- 8 Briefly discuss the three important periods in the History of English.
- 9 Write an essay on the Great Vowel Shift in English.

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- 10 Give an account of the contribution made by major writers in the growth of English vocabulary.
- 11 Write an essay on the attempts made to reform English spelling and its standardization.
- 12 Comment on the status of English in the postcolonial world.
- 13 Discuss the various processes of word formation in English.

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