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Third Semester B.A. Degree Examination, January 2023

First Degree Programme under CBCSS

English Language and Literature

Foundation Course

EN 1321 : EVOLUTION OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

(2020 Admission Onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

- I. Answer **all** questions. Each in a word or sentence.
1. To which language family does Latin belong?
2. Name the Saxon King who translated Latin texts into vernacular for the benefit of his people.
3. Name the three branches of Germanic languages.
4. What is the other name that linguists have given to *Ablaut*?
5. Who led the Norman Conquest of England in 1066?
6. State the importance of East Midland Dialect.
7. Name two English words of Arabic origin.
8. The Authorised Version of the Bible is also known as _____.
9. *Tragi-comedy* is an example of a _____ word.
10. Give two examples of words formed from initials.

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

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II. Answer any **eight** of the following, each in a short paragraph not exceeding **50** Words.

11. Balto-Slavonic Languages
12. Old English inflections
13. Middle English Dialects
14. Chaucer's contribution to English language
15. Write a note on the changes in pronunciation during the Middle English period
16. The influence of printing on English language
17. The role of Spenser in enriching English vocabulary
18. Spanish loan words in English.
19. Mention some of the important causes of semantic changes.
20. Generalisation
21. Loss of Distinctive Colouring
22. Words formed from names
23. Shortening
24. Blends
25. Internal Loans
26. Australian English words derived from Australian local languages

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

III. Answer any **six** of the following, each in a paragraph not exceeding **100** words.

27. The Celtic Languages
28. Simplification of grammatical gender during the Middle English period
29. Greek loan words in English
30. Explain Dummy Auxiliary
31. Give a brief account of the contribution of the Bible translations to the making of English
32. Umlaut
33. Slang
34. Distinguish between Amelioration and Deterioration
35. Compounding
36. Metanalysis
37. Figurative Language
38. Indian English

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

IV. Answer any **two** questions. **Each** question carries **15** marks.

39. Give an account of the Germanic family of languages and show how English is related to it.
40. Describe the Norman Conquest and its impact on the English language.
41. Write an essay on the development of dictionaries in English.
42. Discuss the difference between British English and American English.
43. What are the causes for the differences between spelling and pronunciation in Modern English?
44. Consider English as a universal language.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)