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Third Semester B.A. Degree Examination, March 2022

First Degree Programme under CBCSS

English Language and Literature

Foundation Course

EN 1321 : EVOLUTION OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

(2020 Admission)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

I. Answer **all** questions, each in a word or a sentence.

1. The Old English period extended from 600 AD to _____
2. Who conquered England in 1066?
3. What is Middle English?
4. What dialect became a standard for Middle English?
5. What is onomatopoeia?
6. Give an example for portmanteau word.
7. Who wrote Paradise Lost?
8. Who wrote the first dictionary of the English Language?
9. Expand RP.
10. Mention any two examples of various Englishes.

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

- II. Answer any eight of the following, each in a short paragraph not exceeding 50 words.
11. Write a short paragraph on the contribution of Spenser.
 12. The Great Vowel Shift.
 13. What is Grimm's Law?
 14. What is consonant shift?
 15. Mention the Celtic influence on the English language.
 16. Bible translations.
 17. Explain suffixation with two examples.
 18. What is telescoping?
 19. Give four words in English borrowed from other languages.
 20. Write a note on Shakespeare.
 21. What is euphemism?
 22. Umlaut.
 23. What is amelioration?
 24. Early Modern English.
 25. Scandinavian Influence.
 26. Digital English.

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

- III. Answer any six of the following, each in a paragraph not exceeding 100 words.
27. Norman Conquest.
 28. Descent of English.
 29. Rise of Standard English.

30. Middle English.
31. Loss of grammatical gender.
32. Language families.
33. Dialects of Old English.
34. Modern English.
35. Spelling reforms.
36. The contribution of Milton.
37. Dr. Johnson's Dictionary.
38. Word formation.

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

IV. Answer any **two**, each in about **300** words.

39. How did English evolve as a global language?
40. The growth of vocabulary in English.
41. Indo-European family and the descent of English.
42. The influence of Bible translation on the English language.
43. Semantic changes in English.
44. Assess the contribution Chaucer to the English language.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)