

Reg. No. :

Name :

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)

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)