

APRIL 2017

71012/ARA4B

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

SECTION A — (10 × 2 = 20 marks)

Answer any TEN questions in about 30 words each.

1. How are the Indo-European languages classified and why are they classified so?
2. Who formulated his law to explain the great consonant shift?
3. What is Gradation?
4. How was the plural formed in Anglo-Saxon?
5. What were different ways in which spellings got changed during Middle English Period?
6. What are the classifications of i-mutation in Old English?
7. Mention any four nouns that were borrowed from Scandinavian language.
8. Give some scientific and technical terms borrowed from the Greek language.

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9. Write any four metaphors that have been offered by 'The Bible'.
10. Who was the first poet to have practised onomatopoeia? Mention some of his coinages.
11. Bring out any two differences between American English and British English in Spelling.
12. How does T. Wood define 'Standard English'?

SECTION B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer any FIVE questions in about 200 words each.

13. Discuss the great consonant shift in the Germanic languages.
14. What are the distinguishing features of middle English period?
15. Assess the influence of Latin in the evolution of the English Language.
16. Bring out the impact of Renaissance on the English Language.
17. Give an account of the contribution made by the Bible on the English Language.

18. Discuss the influence of American English on British English.

19. Write briefly on the evolution of Standard English.

SECTION C — (3 × 10 = 30 marks)

Answer any THREE questions in about 500 words each.

20. Discuss English as an Indo-European Language.
21. Examine the distinguishing features of Middle English Period.
22. Write an essay on the French influence on English.
23. Give an account of the contribution and influence of Shakespeare and Milton to English.
24. Discuss the development of Dictionaries in English.