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Third Semester B.A. Degree Examination, February 2024.

First Degree Programme Under CBCSS

English Language & 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 a sentence:
1. What are language families?
 2. Which are the major languages that developed from Germanic?
 3. From which branch of the Germanic group did English evolve?
 4. The writing system used in the oldest Old English inscriptions.
 5. Middle English dialects.
 6. What is an inflection?
 7. What is grammatical gender?
 8. What is Received Pronunciation?
 9. Dr. Johnson's Dictionary.
 10. What is euphemism?

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

- II. Answer **any eight** of the following, each in a short paragraph not exceeding **50** words.
11. Old English.
 12. Development of the modern English alphabet.
 13. Umlaut.
 14. Celtic influence on English.
 15. The Norman Conquest.
 16. Chaucer's innovations in poetry.
 17. What is Standard English?
 18. Shakespeare's contribution to English vocabulary.
 19. Current status of English in the world.
 20. What do you mean by synecdoche?
 21. What is meant by broadening with respect to semantic changes?
 22. Blending.

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

- III. Answer **any six** of the following, each in a paragraph not exceeding **100** words.
23. Grimm's Law.
 24. Scandinavian influence on English.
 25. What are the two main linguistic developments in Middle English?
 26. Impact of *Bible* translations on English language.
 27. Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* as a frame narrative.

28. What factors helped the East Midland dialect to grow into modern English?
29. What is Spenser's legacy to English literature?
30. How did Milton enrich the English language?
31. List the main differences between American English and British English

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

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

32. Indo-European family of languages
33. Influence of the Norman Conquest on English.
34. Semantic changes in English.
35. English as a global language.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)