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FIRST SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2024
(Regular/Improvement/Supplementary)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

FENG1C03- HISTORY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Weightage: 30

Part A: Short essay questions. Answer any *five* questions. Each carries two weightage.

1. Discuss the impact of the Norman Conquest on the development of Middle English.
2. How did the Scandinavian invasions influence Old English vocabulary and syntax?
3. Examine the influence of colonialism on the English language in the 17th and 18th centuries.
4. How did Shakespeare contribute to the growth of English vocabulary?
5. Discuss the discrepancy between spelling and pronunciation in English, providing examples.
6. What were the key attempts to reform English spelling?
7. Compare and contrast British and American English dialects.

(5 × 2 = 10 weightage)

Part B: Long essay questions. Answer any *four* questions. Each carries five weightage.

8. How did English evolve as a global language in the postcolonial era?
9. Examine the relationship between science, technology, and the development of new vocabulary in English during the 20th and 21st centuries.
10. Discuss how pidgins, creoles, and colonialism contributed to the expansion of the English vocabulary in the 18th and 19th centuries.
11. Analyze the changes in English semantics due to foreign influences.
12. Analyze the development of the English language from the Old English period through the Modern English period, focusing on key events and influences.
13. How did the Renaissance impact the vocabulary and structure of Modern English?

(4 × 5 = 20 weightage)