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FIRST SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2025
(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. Explain the significance of the Great Vowel Shift in the history of English phonology.
2. Discuss the origins and structure of the Indo-European family of languages.
3. What is the role of Pidgins and Creoles in the expansion of English vocabulary?
4. Discuss the impact of foreign languages on English vocabulary during the 19th century.
5. Analyze the evolution of Standard English, focusing on the key dialectal differences between British and American English.
6. Critically examine the concept of 'World Englishes.' How do different varieties of English reflect local cultures, identities, and power structures?
7. Discuss the factors that have contributed to the rise of English as a global language.

(5 × 2 = 10 weightage)

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

8. Explain in detail the key attempts to reform English spelling.
9. How has the rise of science and technology influenced English in the digital age?
10. Discuss the role of trade and colonization in the process of expansion of English vocabulary.
11. Explore the contributions of major literary figures like Shakespeare, Milton, and Johnson to the enrichment of English vocabulary, citing specific examples.
12. How did the Bible translations impact the vocabulary and structure of Modern English?
13. Discuss the major factors that contributed to the expansion and enrichment of English vocabulary during the Modern English period.

(4 × 5 = 20 weightage)