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THIRD SEMESTER M. A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2020
(Supplementary)
ENGLISH
DENG3B09T: THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE: HISTORY AND STRUCTURE

Time: Three Hours

Maximum Weightage: 36

Part I: Answer *all* the questions in a word, phrase or sentence. Each question carries $\frac{1}{2}$ weightage.

1. What is phonetic transcription?
2. Define euphemism with examples.
3. Pronunciation- Is the word correctly spelt?
4. What does the term syntax refer to?
5. Define the idea of intonation.
6. Transcribe the word 'examination' and mark its primary and secondary stress.
7. Explain synonymy and antonymy with examples.
8. What do you mean by the idea of polysemy?
9. What does Chomsky mean by competence and performance?
10. Give two examples of ambiguity in the English language.
11. What do you mean by bound morphemes?
12. Explain the idea of prototype with examples.

(12 × $\frac{1}{2}$ = 6 Weightage)

Part II: Answer any *five* of the following questions in a paragraph of about 150 words each. Each question carries *two* weightage.

13. Write a note on the different varieties of English.
14. Grammaticality and acceptability.
15. Distinguish between human language and animal communication.
16. Write a paragraph about the foreign influence on the English language.
17. Explain the suprasegmental features in the English language.
18. Write a note on the organs of speech.
19. The role of Bible as a catalyst in language change.
20. Semantic changes in the English language.

(5 × 2 = 10 Weightage)

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Part III: Write essays in about 450 words on *four*, choosing one from each section. Each question carries *five* weightage.

Section A

21. Write an essay on the Indo-European languages and the position of English in it.
22. What are the characteristics of human language as a system of communication?

Section B

23. Trace the various stages of the evolution of the English language.
24. What are the contributions made by various writers to the growth of English vocabulary?

Section C

25. What are the various word formation techniques in the English language?
26. What are the important features of British and American English?

Section D

27. Write an essay on the classification of vowel and consonant sounds in the English language.
28. What are the main principles concerning TG grammar? Who are its important proponents?

(4 × 5 = 20 Weightage)