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I Semester M.A./M.Sc./M.Com./ M.Sc. Comp. Science
Degree (Reg./Sup./Imp.) Examination, November 2013
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE
Paper – II : History and Structure of English Language
(2010 Admn. Onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

I. Write an essay **not** exceeding **five** pages on **one** of the following :

- 1) Trace the descent of Modern English from Anglo-Saxon highlighting the major linguistic features of each period.
- 2) Discuss the influence of French language on Middle English.
- 3) The contribution of the various versions of the Bible in the formation of English. (1×20=20)

II. Write an essay **not** exceeding **five** pages on **one** of the following :

- 4) Give an account of the various semantic changes that contributed to the formation of new words in English.
- 5) Write an essay on the Great Vowel Shift.
- 6) Milton and the English Language. (1×20=20)

III. Write short notes on **any six** of the following :

- 7) Standard English.
- 8) Generalisation.
- 9) Differences between American and British English.
- 10) Semantics.
- 11) Ablaut.
- 12) Germanic group of Languages.
- 13) Registers of a language.
- 14) Inkhorn terms.
- 15) Archaism. (6×5=30)

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IV. Fill in the blanks with a **phrase** or **word** :

- 16) The dialect spoken in a particular geographical area is called a _____
- 17) The use of language in an extremely informal way is called _____
- 18) The King James Version of the Bible was published in the year _____
- 19) The American word for Autumn is _____
- 20) _____ are words pronounced similarly but spelt differently.
- 21) The expression *help mate* is a contribution from _____
- 22) The language used to state facts is _____
- 23) _____ is the name given to the set of linguistic forms from which nearly all European languages have descended.
- 24) *Smog* is an example of _____
- 25) *Veal* is an example of _____

(1×10=10)