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B. A. Programme (Sem. V) Examination

October / November - 2017

510 - English (Main)

(History of English Language)

Time : 3 Hours]

[Marks : 70

Instructions : (1) All questions carry equal marks.
(2) Indicate your options clearly.

1 (a) Discuss general characteristics of English language. 14

OR

(b) Write a note on major landmarks in English language. 14

2 (a) Discuss in detail Greek influence on English language. 14

OR

(b) 'Latinate tradition, haunts over English language' – Elaborate with examples. 14

3 Write short notes on any two of the following : 14

- (a) Homophones and Homonyms
- (b) Word Formation
- (c) Development of Dictionaries
- (d) The influence of Archaism.

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4 Write linguistic notes on any four of the following : 14

- (a) O.K.
- (b) Harakiri
- (c) Boycott
- (d) Juggernaut
- (e) Monk
- (f) Boomerang

5 Answer any seven of the following questions in brief : 14

- (1) What is the other name for the old English period ? What is its time-span ?
- (2) Which are the different aspects in studying the evolution of English language during the middle English period ?
- (3) Name any two qualities of English language.
- (4) Write any two words which came into English language from Latin during 16th century.
- (5) Name any two domestic words which came into English language from French.
- (6) From which language and in which century is the word 'dilemma' taken into English language ?
- (7) Explain the term 'archaism' briefly.
- (8) Give two examples of homophones.
- (9) Name the language from which the word 'Restaurant' was derived ?
- (10) Who wrote 'A General English Dictionary' ? Which year did it appear in ?
- (11) Mention any two words derived from Indian Language.
- (12) Write etymology of the word 'Broadcast'.

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