

Central University of Jammu
Department of English and Comparative Literature
Question Paper
End Semester Examination
Old Syllabus, 2015
MA Semester II

(Re-appear)

Course Title: Backgroud to English Language
Course Code : PGECL2F001T

Time: 3 hrs.

Marks: 100

The paper contains 3 sections A, B, C. All sections are compulsory

Section A

(Marks: 10*1.5=15)

1. The Roman conquest of Britain began in:
 - a. AD 43
 - b. AD 45
 - c. AD 47
 - d. AD 49
2. Which of the following is supposed to be the oldest extant poem in Old English :
 - a. The Grave
 - b. Bede's Death Song
 - c. Elene
 - d. Cædmon's Hymn
3. Which one of the following is **not** a characteristic feature of the Old English literature?
 - a. Alliterative verse
 - b. the kenning
 - c. simile
 - d. litotes
4. The Norman Conquest took place in:
 - a. 966 AD
 - b. 1066 A
 - c. 1166 AD
 - d. 1069 AD
5. "The Book of Kings," a work of prose was written in which one of the historical periods?
 - a. The Roman Invasion
 - b. The Anglo-saxon Period
 - c. The Anglo-Norman Conquest
 - d. The Elizabethan Age
6. Which is the first major work of Geoffrey Chaucer?
 - a. The House of Fame
 - b. The Book of the Duchess
 - c. Troilus and Criseyede
 - d. The Canterbury Tales
7. Which one of the following is a loan word from Greek :
 - a. Rhapsody
 - b. Banshee
 - c. Church
 - d. scorch
- 8.. Which one of the following is **not** a loan word from Latin:
 - a. Register
 - b. Mediator
 - b. Subpoena
 - c. Loaf
9. Which one of the following is correctly spelt according to American English?
 - a. Colour
 - b. Spelling
 - c. Apologise
 - d. Center

10. Global English is largely a product of:

- a. Economic globalisation
- c. Colonialism

- b. Advances in Communication Technology
- d. All of the above

Section B

(Marks: 5*8=40)

Answer the following questions in about 150-200 words.

1. Write a short note on the consequences of the "Norman Conquest."

OR

Write a short note the literature written in Old English.

2. Write a short note the literature produced in the early twelfth century in England.

OR

Write a short note on Chaucer's contribution to the English language.

3. Evaluate the influence of Shakespeare on the English language.

OR

Write a short note on the development of English prose in the seventeenth century..

4. Discuss the impact of the introduction of English in education on the indigenous languages of India.

OR

Discuss briefly the impact of Macaulay's Minute on Education on the Indian languages.

5. Discuss briefly the existence of 'many enlishes' in the world today

OR

Write a short note on the idioms, proverbs and curse words in English.

Section C

(Marks: 3*15=45)

Answer any three of the following questions in about 250- 300 words.

1. Trace the evolution of the English Language from Old English to Middle English.
2. Discuss the factors that led to the development of the English language in the fourteenth century.
3. Critically assess the contribution of the Renaissance and Restoration Period to the English language.
4. Discuss the debate between the Orientalists and the Anglicists in the Eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.
5. Discuss in detail the development of English as a Global language.