

**3 SEM TDC ENG M 1****2014**

( November )

**ENGLISH**

( Major )

Course : 301

**( History of the English Language, Critical  
Terms and Classical Mythology )**Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32

Time : 3 hours


*The figures in the margin indicate full marks  
for the questions***PART—A****( History of the English Language )**1. Answer any *eight* of the following questions : 1×8=8

- (a) According to which theory has man's innate sense of rhythm played an important part in the origin of language?
- (b) What are voiced consonants?



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- (c) From which branch of the Indo-European family did the English language take its descent?
- (d) Mention any one word of Celtic origin that has survived as a result of being absorbed into Old English.
- (e) What is a 'portmanteau word'?

 In which dialect was the personal pronoun 'she' first used?

- (g) What change did vowels in open syllables undergo during the Middle English Period?
- (h) Which consonants were affected by the process known as metathesis?
- (i) What did the word 'dream' mean in Old English?

2. Write short notes on any two of the following :  
 $5 \times 2 = 10$

- (a) Standard English
- (b) Impact of Printing on the English Language
- (c) Words derived from Proper Names

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3. Answer any one of the following questions : 12

- (a) Give an account of the French words in English.
- (b) Write a note on the primitive Germanic consonant shift.
- (c) Discuss at least six methods by which words in English have changed their meanings.

PART—B

UNIT—I

( Critical Terms and Concepts )

4. Write short notes on any five of the following :  
 $6 \times 5 = 30$

- (a) Allegory
- (b) Blank verse
- (c) Chorus
- (d) Comedy
- (e) Genre
- (f) Sonnet
- (g) Conceit
- (h) Fancy and imagination
- (i) Gothic novel
- (j) Short story

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( Turn Over )



UNIT—II

( Classical Mythology )

5. Show your acquaintance with any *two* of the following : 4×2=8

(a) Aristotle

(b) Homer

(c) Juvenal

(d) Epicurus

6. Write brief notes on any *six* of the following :

2×6=12

(a) Acheron

(b) Calypso

(c) Phoebe

(d) Amazons

(e) Triton

(f) Diana

(g) Apollo

(h) Chimaera

(i) Draco

(j) Jupiter

(k) Labyrinth

(l) Medusa

(m) Sibyl

(n) Oracles

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