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## **B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, May 2015**

(ENGLISH)

(THIRD YEAR)

(PART-III)

## 730. HISTORY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE

(Including Double Degree)

Time: Three hours Maximum: 100 marks

## **Answer any FIVE questions**

 $(5 \times 20 = 100)$ 

- 1. What is Grimm's law? How does it prove that the Indo-European languages descended from proto Indo-European?
- 2. How did spelling, pronunciation, Grammar, and vocabulary change during Middle English Period?
- 3. What was Caxton's contribution to the development of English language?
- 4. Explain with examples the formation of compound words in different ways.
- 5. Explain some of the process by which words undergo change of meaning.
- 6. Trace the growth of standard English.
- 7. What was the contribution of Milton to English language?
- 8. Explain the Latin influence of the zero period.
- 9. Compare and contrast American and British English.
- 10. What are the different ways in which idioms and metaphors enriched the English language?

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