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Programme: MA English

Semester: First

Paper: MAEN101CCT : History of the English Language and Literature

Time: 3Hours

Maximum Marks: 70

Note: This question paper consists of three parts: Part-A, Part-B and Part-C. Number of words to answer each question is only indicative. Attempt all parts.

Part-A contains 10 compulsory questions of multiple choice/fill in the blank/very short answer type question. Answer all questions. Each question carries 1 mark. (10x1=10 marks)

Part-B contains 08 questions of which students are supposed to answer 05 questions. Answer each question in approximately 200 words. Each question carries 06 marks. (5x6=30 marks)

Part-C contains 05 questions of which students are supposed to answer 03 questions. Answer each question in approximately 500 words. Each question carries 10 marks. (3x10=30 marks)

Part-A

1. Fill in the blanks with the correct answers.
 - i. _____, a Swiss linguist, wrote *A Course in General Linguistics*.
 - ii. _____ was the German philologist who propounded the Bow-wow and Ding-dong theories of the origin of language.
 - iii. The Norman Conquest took place in the year _____.
 - iv. _____, the alphabet of the Anglo-Saxons, consisted of 24 letters.
 - v. _____ is known to have introduced the first printing press into England in 1476.
 - vi. The _____ is famous as the manuscript containing *Beowulf*.
 - vii. *Lyrical Ballads* was published in the year _____.
 - viii. _____ is considered to be the most prominent University Wit.
 - ix. The Metaphysical School of Poetry is said to have been founded or led by the poet, _____

Part-B

2. List the characteristics of the human language.
3. Explain the Grimm's Law.
4. Elaborate on the Verner's Law.
5. Describe the Great Vowel Shift.
6. Write a note on the Anglo-Saxon Literature.
7. Examine John Milton as a Puritan writer.
8. Summarize the features of the Neo-Classical Literature.
9. Evaluate the literary contributions of any one female British writer.

Part-C

10. Trace the evolution of the English language from the Indo-European family of languages.
11. Sketch the development of the English language during the Old English Period or the Modern English Period.
12. The Elizabethan Age is called the Golden Age of English Literature. Elucidate.
13. Compare and contrast the Romantic Age with the Victorian Age.
14. Analyze the characteristic features of the Modern Age and its literature.
