

D.K.M.COLLEGE FOR WOMEN (AUTONOMOUS), VELLORE-1**SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS**

APRIL - 2016

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HISTORY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE**Time : 3 Hrs****Max.Marks : 75****SECTION-A (10 x 2 =20)****Answer ALL the questions.**

1. How are the Eastern languages called?
2. Give an example for telescoping.
3. Give a few words of imitation or onomatopoeia in English.
4. What is Standard English?
5. Mention some words coined by Shakespeare.
6. Define Euphemism.
7. What is the contribution of The Renaissance period to English?
8. Write the three stages of development in the growth of English language.
9. Mention some of the words and phrases coined by Milton.
10. What was the older name for Germanic?

SECTION-B (5 x 5 =25)**Answer any FIVE of the following questions.**

11. Why are the Western languages referred to as 'centum languages'?
12. How does the change of meaning occur through generalisation?
13. Give two instances which show that Shakespeare was very language conscious.
14. How was Milton influenced by the models of Latin prose?
15. Write on the evolution of Standard English during the Commonwealth period.
16. Write on the contribution of the nineteenth century to the development of standard English.
17. Write on the French loan words in English in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.
18. Trace how English has enlarged its vocabulary by the addition of prefixes and suffixes.

SECTION-C (3 x 10 =30)**Answer ALL the questions.**

19. (a) Write on the influence of Shakespeare on English.
(Or)
(b) Write an essay on the Indo – European family of languages.
 20. (a) Write briefly on the Latin loan words in English.
(Or)
(b) Describe any four processes by which change of meaning has occurred in English.
21. (a) Comment any five factors which have contributed to the evolution of Standard English.
(Or)
(b) How can English be said to have become the most 'mixed' of languages?