

(AUTONOMOUS)

MA DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2018

(First Semester)

Branch - **ENGLISH****THE STUDY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 75 Marks

SECTION-A (30 Marks)**I Answer the following questions in about 150 words each: (5 x 6 = 30)**

1 a Write a note on the origin of English Language.

OR

b State five features of Old English.

2 a Bring out the contributions of Noah Webster to American English.

OR

b How has the French language influenced English?

3 a How are English phonemes represented visually?

OR

b What are Cardinal Vowels?

4 a Write a note on Cohesion and Coherence.

OR

b Discuss in brief the descriptive approach in grammar.

5 a What role does ethnic background play in linguistics?

OR

b What are the difficulties in second language acquisition?

SECTION-B (45 Marks!)**II Answer the following questions in about 300 words each: (5x9 = 45)**

6 a Discuss in detail the relationship between the original vowels and their mutant forms.

OR

b List down the features of Middle English.

7 a Narrate the evolution of Standard English.

OR

b Give an account of the important principles underlying the changes of meanings in English Language.

8 a What are morphemes? Describe its characteristics.

OR

b Explain in your own words the mechanism of speech describing the role of the vocal organs.

9 a Write an essay on the phase structure rules in TG Grammar.

OR

b Describe in detail the four aspects of pragmatics in linguistics.

10 a Discuss the role of society and culture in linguistics.

OR

b What is gender sensitive language? Why should we follow it?