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Seat No. _____

B. A. Programme (Sem. V) Examination
October / November - 2017
510 - English (Main)
(History of English Language)

Time : 3 Hours]

[Marks : 70

Instructions : (1) All questions carry equal marks.
(2) Indicate your options clearly.

1 (a) Discuss general characteristics of English language. 14

OR

(b) Write a note on major landmarks in English language. 14

2 (a) Discuss in detail Greek influence on English language. 14

OR

(b) 'Latinate tradition, haunts over English language' – Elaborate with examples. 14

3 Write short notes on any two of the following : 14

(a) Homophones and Homonyms

(b) Word Formation

(c) Development of Dictionaries

(d) The influence of Archaism.

- 4 Write linguistic notes on any four of the following : 14
- O.K.
 - Harakiri
 - Boycott
 - Juggernaut
 - Monk
 - Boomerang
- 5 Answer any seven of the following questions in brief : 14
- What is the other name for the old English period ? What is its time-span ?
 - Which are the different aspects in studying the evolution of English language during the middle English period ?
 - Name any two qualities of English language.
 - Write any two words which came into English language from Latin during 16th century.
 - Name any two domestic words which came into English language from French.
 - From which language and in which century is the word 'dilemma' taken into English language ?
 - Explain the term 'archaism' briefly.
 - Give two examples of homophones.
 - Name the language from which the word 'Restaurant' was derived ?
 - Who wrote 'A General English Dictionary' ? Which year did it appear in ?
 - Mention any two words derived from Indian Language.
 - Write etymology of the word 'Broadcast'.