

PG Odd Semester (CBCS) Exam., December—2018

LINGUISTICS

(3rd Semester)

Course No. : LNGCC-303

(Historical and Comparative Linguistics)

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 28

Time : 3 hours

The questions are of equal value

Answer **five** questions, taking **one** from each Unit

UNIT—I

1. Write a brief note on Grimm's law.
2. Discuss the difference between genetic, areal and typological classifications.

UNIT—II

3. What is sound change? Discuss the various types of sound change with suitable examples.

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4. Write short notes on any *three* of the following :

- (a) Back-formation
- (b) Folk etymology
- (c) Hypercorrection
- (d) Meta analysis
- (e) Blending

UNIT—III

5. Write a detailed note on proto- and pre-language.
6. Write an essay on subgrouping of languages with examples.

UNIT—IV

7. What is pidgin? Discuss some characteristics of pidgin with examples.
8. Write a detailed note on shared linguistic features of Northeast Indian languages.

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UNIT—V

9. Define semantic change. Discuss different types of semantic change.
10. Write a detailed note on language obsolescence.

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