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Complementar	ry Course: English – IV
AUEN431.1b: His	story of English Language

Time: 3 Hours Max. Marks: 80

SECTION – A

Answer ALL questions each in a word or in a sentence.

- 1. What is meant by arbitrariness of language?
- 2. Name the two universities that helped East Midland dialect become the standard dialect.
- 3. Why is English spelling an Achilles heel to non native speakers?
- 4. What is meant by Semantics?
- 5. What is meant by synaesthesia?
- 6. What do you mean by discreteness of language?
- 7. How does C. L Barber define Language?
- 8. What is meant by dead language?
- 9. Name three Romance Languages.
- 10. From which dialect has Standard English been grown and developed?

 $(10 \times 1 = 10 \text{ Marks})$

SECTION - B

Answer any **EIGHT** questions, each in a short paragraph not exceeding 50 words.

- 11. What are the two important characteristics that distinguish Indo European languages?
- 12. Name four Greek dialects.

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- 13. Name two words or phrases of Milton that are part of the English language?
- 14. What are slangs?
- 15. What are dialects?
- 16. Name the 8 branches of the Indo European family.
- 17. What is meant by back-formation?
- 18. What is meant by displacement?
- 19. Middle English is the period of leveled inflexions. Explain.
- 20. What are jargons?
- 21. Give two examples of telescoping.
- 22. What is meant by Euphemism?

 $(8 \times 2 = 16 \text{ Marks})$

SECTION - C

Answer any SIX questions, each in a paragraph not exceeding 100 words.

- 23. Grimm's Law.
- 24. Influence of the Bible on the English Language.
- 25. Shakespeare's contribution to English vocabulary.
- 26. Scandinavian influence on the English language.
- 27. Dr.Johnson's dictionary.
- 28. Double articulation as a feature of language.
- 29. Write a short note on the Indo European languages.
- 30. The Great Vowel Shift.
- 31. Impact of the Renaissance and Reformation on the English Language.

 $(6 \times 4 = 24 \text{ Marks})$

SECTION - D

Answer any TWO questions, each in about 300 words.

- 32. Characteristics of the Germanic or Teutonic Languages.
- 33. Anglo Saxon or Old English Period.
- 34. English as a global language.
- 35. French influence on the English language.

 $(2 \times 15 = 30 \text{ Marks})$