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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

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Fourth Semester B.A. Degree Examination, June 2016

First Degree Programme under CBCSS

Complementary Course: English – IV

AUEN431.1b: History 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 × 1 = 10 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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