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SEMESTER : V

SUB TITLE : HISTORY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND PHONETICS

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SECTION A

Fill in the blanks :

1. English is part of the ----- family of languages.
2. ----- English was used roughly between 450 AD and 1150 AD.
3. The invasion introduced many French words into English.
4. ----- English is considered a transitional stage between Old and Modern English.
5. The poem "-----" is a significant example of Old English literature.
6. Shakespeare is called the ----- of the English language.
7. The King James Bible was translated by -----
8. Many words were introduced through Christianity.
9. ----- is a major source of scientific vocabulary in English.
10. Word borrowing from ----- introduced legal and military terms.
11. ----- English is spoken primarily in the United States.
12. Samuel Johnson's dictionary was published in the year ----- .
13. English has become a ----- language.
14. The ----- Press helped spread standard spelling.

15. ----- is the father of American English.
16. The ----- is the chief organ of speech.
17. ----- sounds are produced without any obstruction.
18. The study of sound production is called -----.
19. The sounds /p/, /t/, /k/ are called -----.
20. ----- refers to the manner of articulating speech sounds.
21. . The ----- is the basic unit of sound.
22. ----- transcription represents how words are pronounced.
23. ----- is the rise and fall in pitch.
24. The ----- indicates the number of beats in a word.
25. IPA stands for -----.

**SECTION B**

Answer the following in 50 words each:

1. What are the key features of Old English vocabulary?
2. Mention two major changes that occurred in Middle English.
3. How is English related to the Indo-European language family?
4. Define Middle English with a time frame.
5. What is word borrowing?
- 6.. Name two languages from which English has borrowed extensively.
7. Who are considered the "Makers of English"?
8. Give two examples of French borrowings in English.
- 9.What is Standard English?
- 10 Who compiled the first major English dictionary?

11. Mention two features of American English.
12. What role did the printing press play in standardising English?
13. Define phonetics.
14. What are voiced sounds?
15. Mention two active articulators.
16. What is a plosive sound?
17. Define a phoneme with example.
18. What is intonation?
19. Write the IPA symbol for the sound 'th' in "think."
20. What is stress or word accent?

## SECTION C

Answer the following in 250 words each::

1. Explain the position of English in the Indo-European language family.
2. Discuss two major characteristics of Old English.
3. Briefly describe the evolution from Old English to Middle English.
4. How did French influence Middle English?
5. Discuss the influence of Latin and Greek on scientific English vocabulary.
6. Describe the contribution of Shakespeare to English vocabulary.
7. Explain the role of Bible translators in shaping Standard English.
8. Discuss the historical background of French borrowings.
9. Describe the growth of American English.
10. Discuss the evolution of Standard English
11. Explain the role of dictionaries in English vocabulary development.

12. What makes English a global language?
13. Describe the classification of English consonant sounds.
14. Explain how vowels are produced.
15. What is meant by 'place of articulation'?
16. Describe the function of the tongue in speech production.
17. Explain phonetic transcription with examples.
18. Describe intonation and its types
19. Discuss the concept of syllable and word stress.
20. Illustrate the use of IPA in English pronunciation.

#### SECTION D

Answer the following in 500 words each :

1. Trace the historical development of English from Old English to Modern English.
2. Compare and contrast the features of Old English and Middle English.
3. Describe the major sources of word borrowing in English and give examples.
4. Explain the role of Shakespeare, Milton, and Bible Translators in the making of English.
5. Trace the development of Standard English and its global status.
6. Discuss the growth and significance of American English.
7. Explain the classification and description of speech sounds in English.
8. Discuss the major organs of speech and their role in sound production.
9. Describe phonemes, syllables, word accent, and intonation in detail.
10. Write an essay on the importance of phonetic transcription in language learning.

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