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**First Semester M.A. Degree (Reg./Suppl./Imp.) Examination, October 2017**  
**ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE**  
**(2016 Admission Onwards)**  
**ENG 1C04 : History and Structure of English Language**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

- I. Write an essay of **350** words on **one** of the following :
  - 1) Explain Grimm's Law and Verner's Law.
  - 2) Distinctive characteristics of the Germanic family of languages. (1×10=10)
- II. Write an essay **350** words on **one** of the following :
  - 3) Analyse the important features of the Old English period with special reference to its vocabulary.
  - 4) Explain i-mutation and give two examples of how mutated vowels may mark grammatical contrasts. (1×10=10)
- III. Write an essay **350** words on **one** of the following :
  - 5) Discuss the influence of Latin language on Middle English.
  - 6) Write an essay on the spelling reform in English. (1×10=10)
- IV. Write an essay **350** words on **one** of the following :
  - 7) Major impact of Renaissance on the development of English with special reference to the introduction of the printing press.
  - 8) Influence and contribution of Shakespeare to the English language. (1×10=10)
- V. Write a paragraph on **any eight** of the following :
  - 9) Norman conquest
  - 10) Standard English
  - 11) Generalisation
  - 12) Differences between American and British English
  - 13) East Midland Dialect
  - 14) Dr. Johnson's Dictionary
  - 15) Ablaut
  - 16) Role of Bible
  - 17) Telescoping
  - 18) Scandinavian influence on the English language. (8×5=40)