

**Paper V – History of the English Language & Structure of Modern English
(History of the English Language)**

Course Objectives :

1. To give the student an adequate knowledge of the history of the English Language through a diachronic study of the language tracing its development from the time of the earliest records in the language to the present day.
2. To make the student understand the historical and sociological factors involved in the growth and evolution of a language with particular reference to the political and social changes which have made a lasting impact on the English Language.
3. To trace the numerous changes which have taken place in the English Language from the old and Middle English periods till the modern period, phonological changes, changes in spelling, morphological and syntactical changes and semantic changes.
4. To make the student understand the various processes of word-formation in English
5. To draw the attention of the student to the way in which the English Language has grown and matured through the contributions of the great markers of English like Shakespeare, Spenser, Milton and Johnson who have enriched the language by their indigenous exploitation of the resources of the language.
6. To growth and development of scientific English and the emergence of new registers, new dialects, creoles, pidgins and new varieties of English in countries outside England.

Course Objectives (Structure of Modern English)

1. To give the student an adequate knowledge of English Grammar so that he is able to understand and describe the structure of English sentences and phrases.
2. To teach him English usage at the appropriate level
3. To make him familiar with the terminology of grammar so that he is able to consult a reference grammar and a learner's dictionary on points of grammar and usage.

**Part I
The English Language**

Prescribed Text :

F.T.Wood : An outline of the History of the English language.

Books for Reference :

1. Barbira Strong : History of the English language
2. A.C.Baugh : The History of the English language
3. Jespersen : The growth and structure of the English language.
4. Robertson and Cassiedy : English structure
5. K.Bradley : The making of English

Part II – Phonetics

Prescribed Text :

A.C.Gimson : An Introduction to the Pronunciation of English (ELBS edition paperback).

Books for Reference :

D.Jones a) An outline of English Pronunciation
b) An English Pronunciation Dictionary

O' Conner Better English
Abercrombie Elements of General Phonetics

T.Balasubramanian : A Text book of English Phonetics for Indian students.

Prescribed Text Book :

F.R.Palmer : Grammar (Penguin, Paperback)
Jespersen - Essentials of English Grammar
Hornby - A Guide to English Pattern
R.W.Zandvoort - A Hand book of English Grammar
Barbara Strang - Modern English Structure
Paul Roberts - English Sentences
Jacob and Rosenbaum - English Transformational Grammar
Lang - Sentences and its parts
Wallwork - Language and Linguistics

Syllabus

Phonetics

1. Speech and Writing
2. Description of English sounds
3. Syllable and word
4. Features of connected speech : i) Prosodic features
ii) Strong and weak forms
iii) Assimilation and Elision
5. Transcription
6. Practical Work in Sound production and Ear-Training.

1. Phonology : Phonemes, syllable structure
2. Morphology : Free and Bound Morphemes
Inflexion and Derivation
3. a) SYNTAX : Sentence and its parts
structure of the Nomial, Verbal, Adverbial groups.
Analysis into immediate constitutes.
- b) TRANSFORMATIONAL GRAMMA :
: Deep and Surface structure
simple Transformation
Recursiveness and Embedding

HISTORY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE

1. Origin of language
2. Synchronic variation and diachronic change
3. Place of English in the Indo-European family
4. Grimm as law, Verner's law, immutation.
5. Characteristics of old English
6. Characteristics of Middle English and the factors leading to the simplification of grammar
7. The impact of the Renaissance and the Reformation on the growth of the English Language.
8. The rise and growth of Standard English
9. Word – Formation
10. Change of Meaning.
11. Foreign Influences : Greek, Latin, Scandinavian, French & Italian.
12. American English
13. Indian English
14. Characteristics of Modern English
15. Spelling Reform
16. Makers of Modern English: The Bible, Spenser, Shakespeare Milton & Dr. Johnson.