

MASTER OF ARTS EXAMINATION, 2017

(2nd Year, 4th Semester)

LINGUISTICS

Historical Linguistics

Course : XXVIII

Time : Two hours

Full Marks : 30

Answer any *three* of the following.

1. 'Formation of new words plays an important role in the historical development of a language.'  
Elaborate this with suitable examples. 10
2. What do you mean by borrowing? How do you identify the direction of borrowings? 10
3. Phonological space is an important phenomenon. Elaborate suitable examples. 10
4. What do you mean by Proto-Indo European? What do you mean by Centum and Satam Groups?  
Write a note on it. 10
5. Describe Indo European sound system in brief. 10
6. Describe Grimm's Law with suitable examples. How did Grassmann's law and Verner's Law  
enrich this theory? 10
7. Short Notes: (any four) 10

Learned words, Great vowel shift, epenthesis Philology, Old Indo Aryan, compensatory lengthening, Prothesis, rhotecism.