

**Department of English**  
**M.A. English – II Semester**  
**Course Code: MENG 204 (DSC)**  
**Course Title: Growth and Structure of the English Language**  
**Maximum Marks: 20**

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**NOTE:** All students are required to submit three handwritten assignments in a time-bound manner. Each question must be answered in approximately 250 words. Students must attempt any **two questions** from each of the three assignment sets. Only handwritten answers will be evaluated. The submission of all three assignments is compulsory; otherwise, the admit card for the examination will not be issued. A sample of the title page is also provided separately for reference.

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**Assignment – I**

**Maximum Marks – 07**

**(3.5 × 2 = 7 Marks)**

Attempt any two of the following questions:

1. Trace the historical development of the English language, from its Germanic roots to its current form, highlighting key periods and influences.
2. Why is the Norman period considered the period of greatest influence in the growth of English?
3. How did the Renaissance influence the growth of the English language?
4. Discuss the factors that contribute to language change and provide examples of how these factors have shaped the English language over time.

**Assignment – II**

**Maximum Marks – 07**

**(3.5 × 2 = 7 Marks)**

Attempt any two of the following questions:

5. Discuss the role of grammarians, rhetoricians, and lexicographers in shaping the development of the English language in the eighteenth century.
6. What is the reasoning behind using the phonetic alphabet instead of traditional letters?
7. How are consonants classified? Discuss with suitable examples.
8. List the factors that influence vowel sounds and explain their impact.

**Assignment – III**

**Maximum Marks – 06**

**(3 × 2 = 6 Marks)**

Attempt any two of the following questions:

9. What is meant by allophonic variation? Discuss with examples.
10. Write a detailed note on diphthongs.
11. How have stress and intonation patterns evolved in English?
12. Bring out the difference between derivational and inflectional suffixes.

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