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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
ARTS**

ENGL 312: HISTORICAL AND COMPARATIVE LINGUISTICS

STREAMS: B.ED (ARTS) SB

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: THURSDAY 12/04/2018

11.30 A.M. – 1.30 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Answer three questions in all.**
- **Question one is compulsory.**

1. (a) Define the following terms:

(i)	Synchrony	(2 marks)
(ii)	Diachrony	(2 marks)
(iii)	Syncope	(2 marks)
(iv)	Apocope	(2 marks)
(v)	Protolanguage	(2 marks)
(v)	Isolate language	(2 marks)
- (b) Describe four typological classification of language. (8 marks)
- (c) Explain five tenets of historicism theory. (10 marks)
2. (a) Explain the following terms

(i)	Lexicostatistics	(5 marks)
(ii)	Glottochronology	(5 marks)
- (b) Explain the main features of the following sound change laws:

(i)	Grimm's law	(5 marks)
(ii)	Verner's law	(5 marks)

3. Using examples, discuss five factors that are associated with language change. (20 marks)
 4. Using illustrations discuss the historical and comparative methods of language study. (20 marks)
 5. Discuss language change at the lexical level of language. (20 marks)
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