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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER: December 2018

B.A. DEGREE

TITLE OF PAPER: HISTORICAL AND COMPARATIVE
                    LINGUISTICS: INDO-EUROPEAN

COURSE NUMBER: ALL303

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: 1. ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS IN ALL.
                   2. CHOOSE TWO (2) QUESTIONS FROM
                   SECTION A.
                   3. CHOOSE TWO (2) QUESTIONS FROM
                   SECTION B.

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SECTION A

Choose two (2) questions from each section.

Question 1

Describe the Balkan Sprachbund in terms of its area, languages and linguistic characteristics. Define convergence. Explain why the Balkan Sprachbund is an example of convergence in terms of the description you have given. [25 marks]

Question 2

Define the term "proto-language". How is a daughter language related to a proto-language? What is the difference between an attested and a non-attested language? Describe the process of generational transmission of language that is considered to be responsible for language change.
[25 marks]

Question 3

Name and define four (4) sources of language variation that may affect language input for a child acquiring his/her first language. For each source that you name, give one (1) example from any Indo-European language. [25 marks]

SECTION B

Question 4

Describe three (3) stages of one (1) syntactic change that took place between Old English and Modern English. Illustrate your answer with examples. [25 marks]

Question 5

Describe the similarities and differences between the form and meaning of the English words *father* and *paternal*. Define the term "cognate". Are *father* and *paternal* cognate to each other in terms of the definition you give? Explain the relevance of Grimm's Law for answering this question. [25 marks]

Question 6

List all of the sub-branches of the Indo-European language family. For each sub-branch, give one (1) attested language that belongs to it. Which two (2) sub-branches are currently considered to have no living speakers? [25 marks]

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