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Exam List  
Special Technique  
History of English/Historical Linguistics

Aiming to provide historical and theoretical backgrounds for the other three exams, especially for the Individual Topic, this exam will focus on the two sub-topics indicated by the title. The Historical Linguistics segment explores the development of English from its “origins” as an Old West Germanic dialect through the present, but focuses particularly on the late-Old English to late-Middle English period. This emphasis allows an exploration of English in contact with other languages, most particularly Old Norse and Old French (period developments in Latin will also be kept in mind as part of the frame of reference), as well as on its development as a vernacular with regional standardization and variation. More purely theoretical issues will be taken up in the Historical Linguistics segment. Questions of language change and its varying causes, including social factors, will be considered for themselves, and then in application to English at specific points in its history. This sub-topic will also address theories concerning creolization and other inter-language phenomena.

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*Medieval English*. Aberdeen, 1987. (Familiarity) (See sections (1:25-6, 1:64, 1:114, 1:148, 1:115, and Appendix 1 (1:29-32) for treatment of AW/KG material.)

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#### Indo-European Scholarship:

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Lehmann, Winfred P. *Theoretical Bases of Indo-European Linguistics*. London: Routledge, 1993.

Mallory, J.P. *In Search of the Indo-Europeans: Language, Archaeology, and Myth*. London: Thames and Hudson, 1989.

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