

Bihar Board Class 11 English Book Solutions Story of English Chapter 2 English Down The Ages

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Question 1.

Write 'T' for true and 'F' for false statements:

- (a) English was once humble East Midland dialects.
- (b) Old English covers AD 449-Ad 1066.
- (c) Middle English did not borrow from French and Latin.
- (d) The present era is the period of New Englishes.

Answer:

- (a) True
- (b) True
- (c) False
- (d) True.

Answer these questions very briefly :

Question 1.

Which language is spoken by the maximum number of people ?

Answer:

Mandarin Chinese is spoken by the maximum number of people. An estimated 873,000,000 people holds this distinction.

Question 2.

Since when is the modern Language in use?

Answer:

Modern language is in use since A.D. 1500 onwards.

Question 3.

Which period characterised by inflection ?

Answer:

The Old English period is characterised by inflections.

Question 4.

Why did the Old English period fail to produce literature of much significance.

Answer:

The court patronage was lacking, as much literature produced during the age was not of much significance and the age came to be known as the dark days.

Question 5.

When did the Great Vowel Shift take place?

Answer:

“The Great Vowel Shift” took place after the invention of printing press in 1476. At that time there was a considerable rise in literacy.