

Contents

<i>List of texts</i>	page x
<i>List of figures</i>	xiii
<i>Preface</i>	xv
<i>List of symbols and abbreviations</i>	xviii
<i>Chronological table</i>	xx
1 INTRODUCTION	
1.1 Synchronic and diachronic methods	1
1.2 Model of grammar	2
1.3 Sources	2
1.4 Cultural background	5
1.5 Book production and literacy	5
2 VARIETIES OF EARLY MODERN ENGLISH	
2.1 Introduction	8
2.2 Dating Early Modern English	9
2.3 Written and spoken language	11
2.4 Dialects of Early Modern English	13
2.5 Scots	18
2.6 Sociolectal variation	23
2.7 Diachrony	25
2.8 Registers	27
2.9 The status of English	36
Study questions	41
3 WRITING AND SPELLING	
3.1 Levels of analysis	42
3.2 Manuscripts and prints	42
3.3 Graphemes and allographs	43
3.4 The historical foundations and EModE developments	45

Contents

3.5	Spelling reform	50
3.6	Punctuation	58
3.7	The Scottish system	59
	Study questions	60
4	<i>PHONOLOGY</i>	
4.1	The reconstruction of the phonological system	61
4.2	The phonological system of EModE	64
4.3	Types of phonological change	66
4.4	Conditioned change: vowels	70
4.5	Unstressed vowels	73
4.6	Consonants	74
4.7	Transcriptions of specimen passages	76
4.8	Spelling pronunciation	77
	Study questions	78
5	<i>INFLEXIONAL MORPHOLOGY</i>	
5.1	Nouns: pluralization	79
5.2	Case	80
5.3	Adjectives	83
5.4	Articles and pronouns	84
5.5	Verb inflexion for person	87
5.6	Tense formation	90
	Study questions	93
6	<i>SYNTAX</i>	
6.1	General problems of description	95
6.2	The noun phrase	102
6.3	The verb phrase	104
6.4	Case, word-order and prepositions	107
6.5	Tense, mood and aspect	110
6.6	Functions of 'do'	117
6.7	Concord	121
6.8	The syntax of the complex sentence	121
6.9	Text syntax and rhetoric	130
	Study questions	134
7	<i>VOCABULARY</i>	
7.1	General problems	136
7.2	The tradition of the dictionaries	149

Contents

7.3	The problem of loanwords	154
7.4	Loans from living languages	166
7.5	Word-formation	170
7.6	Meaning	181
7.7	Change of meaning	196
	Study questions	208
	<i>TEXTS</i>	
	Editorial principles	212
	T1–T66	215
	Sources of shorter texts	406
	Bibliographical notes on texts T1–T66	409
	<i>Bibliography</i>	429
	<i>Index of persons</i>	444
	<i>Index of topics</i>	448
	<i>Index of selected words</i>	455