

RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIDYAMANDIRA

Belur Math, Howrah – 711 202

ADMISSION TEST – 2015

ENGLISH (Honours)

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Full Marks : 40

Time: 1·00 a.m – 2·30 p.m

Name of the student : _____

Application No. : _____

Group – A

Full Marks : 20

(The following marking system will be followed for answers to questions in Group A: '+2' for each correct answer and '-1' for each wrong answer.)

I. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

Democratic societies from the earliest times have expected their governments to protect the weak against the strong. No 'era of good feeling' can justify discharging the police force or giving up the idea of public control over concentrated private wealth. On the other hand, it is obvious that a spirit of self-denial and moderation on the part of those who hold economic power will greatly soften the demand for absolute equality. Men are more interested in freedom and security than in an equal distribution of wealth. The extent to which government must interfere with business, therefore, is not exactly measured by the extent to which economic power is concentrated into a few hands. The required degree of government interference depends mainly on whether economic powers are oppressively used, and on the necessity of keeping economic factors in a tolerable state of balance.

But with the necessity of meeting all these dangers and threats to liberty, the powers of government are unavoidably increased, whichever political party may be in office. The growth of government is a necessary result of the growth of technology and of the problems that go with the use of machines and science. Since the government in our nation, must take on more powers to meet its problems, there is no way to preserve freedom except by making democracy more powerful.

1. The advent of science and technology has increased the
 - a) freedom of people
 - b) tyranny of political parties
 - c) powers of the government
 - d) chances of economic inequality
2. A spirit of moderation on the economically sound people would make the less privileged
 - a) unhappy with the rich people
 - b) more interested in freedom and security
 - c) unhappy with their lot
 - d) clamour less for absolute equality
3. The growth of government is necessitated to
 - a) make the rich and the poor happy
 - b) curb the accumulation of wealth in a few hands
 - c) monitor science and technology
 - d) deploy the police force wisely
4. 'Era of good feeling' in the second sentence refers to
 - a) time of prosperity
 - b) time of adversity
 - c) time without government
 - d) time of police atrocities
5. 'Tolerable state of balance' in the last sentence may mean
 - a) an adequate level of police force
 - b) a reasonable level of economic equality
 - c) a reasonable amount of government interference
 - d) a reasonable check on economic power

II. In each sentence below, there are two blank spaces. Below each sentence five pairs of words are given. Pick out the most appropriate pair to fill in the blanks in the same order to complete the sentence meaningfully.

1. In Buddhism, it is impossible to keep ethics and psychology from one another, because they at so many points.
a) apart, meet b) aloof, merge c) separate, overlap d) away, coexist e) disjoint, converge
2. She was because all her plans had gone
a) elated, wild b) dejected, splendidly c) distraught, awry
d) frustrated, magnificently e) excited, fabulously
3. The great scientist himself with ability and moderation all the conference.
a) felt, about b) disclosed, besides c) displayed, in
d) conducted, through e) presented, amidst
4. He was so convinced that people were driven by motives that he believed there was no such thing as a purely act.
a) personal, anti-social b) personal, eternal c) altruistic, praiseworthy
d) ulterior, selfless e) sentimental, divine
5. In his, he followed the course.
a) agony, funny b) ignorance, wrong c) hurry, diversified
d) predicament, proper e) bewilderment, appropriate

Group – B

Full Marks : 20

III. Express your views on any one of the following topics in not more than 500 words:

- a) The 'smartness' of smart phones
- b) Preachy films
- c) Studying literature is a 'useless' exercise
- d) Best-sellers
- e) *Adda*

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SPACE FOR ANSWERING GROUP - B

Ans :

