

# RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIDYAMANDIRA

Belur Math, Howrah – 711 202

ADMISSION TEST – 2017

ENGLISH (Honours)

Date : 12-06-2017

Full Marks : 40

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## PART – I (20 Marks)

Name of the student : \_\_\_\_\_

Application No. : \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the invigilator : \_\_\_\_\_

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1. Rewrite the following sentences as directed without change in meaning:

- a) All good thoughts come from good hearts. [Begin: Good hearts....]

Ans. : \_\_\_\_\_

- b) He is as important as you are. [Begin: He is not ....]

Ans. : \_\_\_\_\_

- c) I said, “You shouldn’t play with fire.” [Use ‘not to’]

Ans. : \_\_\_\_\_

- d) They had common folk songs. [Use ‘that’]

Ans. : \_\_\_\_\_

- e) It’s a revolution in life styles. And everybody’s getting into this act.  
[Join the sentences into a simple one.]

Ans. : \_\_\_\_\_

2. Change the following into passive voice:

a) It is time to ring the bell.

Ans. : \_\_\_\_\_

b) Please help me.

Ans. : \_\_\_\_\_

c) I want to buy an umbrella.

Ans. : \_\_\_\_\_

d) This box contains ice.

Ans. : \_\_\_\_\_

e) I know him.

Ans. : \_\_\_\_\_

3. Fill the blank spaces in the following sentences with appropriate prepositions:

a) I saw a funny programme ..... television yesterday.

b) A noisy environment is not conducive ..... studying.

c) I am sorry. I cannot comply ..... such demands.

d) I always count ..... your help.

e) This medicine will cure you ..... malaria.

4. Fill the blank spaces in the following sentences with appropriate pronouns:

a) We really enjoyed .....

b) The film wasn't as good as the ..... we saw last week.

c) The song ..... wasn't very good, but the title of the song became a popular phrase.

d) ..... is responsible for this mess should clean it up.

e) The pilots ..... are nervous of flying because of terrorist threats.

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## PART – II (20 Marks)

1. Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow: [10]

There are some men who seem to be always on the lookout for trouble and, to tell the truth, they are seldom disappointed. Listening to such men one would think that this world is one of the stormiest and most disagreeable places. Yet, after all it is not such a bad place and the difficulty is often in the man who is too thin-skinned. On the other hand, the man who goes out expecting people to be like himself, kind and brotherly, will be surprised at the kindness he meets even in the most unlikely quarters. A smile is apt to be met with a responsive smile while the sneer is just as apt to provoke a snarl. Men living in the same neighbourhood may live vastly different lives. But it is not the neighbourhood which is quarrelsome, but the man within us. And we have it in our power to change our neighbourhood into a pleasant one by simply changing our own ways.

- i) The passage is about
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| a) our disagreeable and hostile world     | b) a kindly and pleasant world        |
| c) our indifferent and unresponsive world | d) the world and what one makes of it |
- ii) "... they are seldom disappointed". The statement denotes that such men
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| a) welcome difficulties as a morale booster            | b) do not have to face any trouble |
| c) manage to keep unruffled in the face of discomforts |                                    |
| d) generally do not fail to come across troubles       |                                    |
- iii) The author's own view of the world is that it is
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|--|--------------------------------------|
| a) one of the loveliest and quietest places                  | b) an unpleasant and turbulent place |
| c) a sordid place for those who suffer in life               |                                      |
| d) one's own excessive sensitivity that makes it a bad place |                                      |
- iv) Which of the following is opposite in meaning to the expression 'thin-skinned' as used in the passage?
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|----------------|------------|--------------|----------------|
| a) intelligent | b) awkward | c) obstinate | d) insensitive |
|----------------|------------|--------------|----------------|

- v) "On the other hand ... unlikely quarters". The statement shows that people's reaction to our attitude is
- a) generally indifferent
  - b) often adverse
  - c) mainly favourable
  - d) surprisingly responsive

2. Answer **any one** of the following questions : [1×10]

a) Express your views on **any one** of the following topics: [10]

- i) Luck
- ii) Ambition
- iii) Superstition

b) Write an appreciation of the following poem: [10]

I loved you first: but afterwards your love  
Outsoaring mine, sang such a loftier song  
As drowned the friendly cooings of my dove.  
Which owes the other most? My love was long,  
And yours one moment seemed to wax more strong;  
I loved and guessed at you, you construed me  
And loved me for what might or might not be –  
Nay, weights and measures do us both a wrong.  
For verily love knows not 'mine' or 'thine';  
With separate 'I' and 'thou' free love has done,  
For one is both and both are one in love:  
Rich love knows nought of 'thine that is not mine';  
Both have the strength and both the length thereof,  
Both of us, of the love which makes us one.

c) Write a story in 300-400 words which begins like this – [10]

It was raining outside. Suddenly, I heard a loud knock on the door. I stood up from my chair and ...

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