RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIDYAMANDIRA

Belur Math, Howrah - 711 202

B.A. ADMISSION TEST – 2023 PHILOSOPHY

Full Marks: 20

Name of the student :	
Application No. :	_
Signature of the Student :	Signature of the invigilator :

1) Translate the following passage into Bengali: -

[10]

Time: 2.30 p.m. - 3.10 p.m.

Kabir's philosophical tenets were extremely simple. He was known as the guiding spirit of the Bhakti Movement. He preached Bhakti or 'Devotion' through the medium of his 'Dohas'. Kabir's Dohas touched everybody's heart and he was endeared by all.

Love for all was Kabir's principal tenet. He emphasized that love was the only medium which could bind the entire human kind in an unbreakable bond of fraternity. Kabir detested the frivolities and rituals in Hinduism and Islam for, these could never bind together mankind. Hence he advised all to give up hatred and perpetuate love for one and all.

God was the focal point of Kabir's religion and Kabir addressed him in different names. In his opinion God alone was Ram, Rahim, Govind, Allah, Khuda, Hari etc. But for Kabir, 'Saheb' was his favorite name. He said god was everywhere and His domain is unlimited. God was pure, sacred, existing, without form, light, endless and inseparatable. Hence God was all powerful and he could only be worshipped through love and devotion. In whatever name one addresses Him, God is one and has no second. Hence Kabir preached Monotheism.

Kabir stressed that the only way to attain God was through the path of Bhakti. Intense love and devotion would surely lead one to the ultimate attainment of Godhood. Total submission at His feet helps one to reach him and this should be the ultimate goal of all was what Kabir emphasized. For this no rituals or ceremonies were needed, only purity of heart and unflinching devotion were the two essentials. Hence Kabir advised his followers to attain Godhood through the path of Bhakti.

Write your answer below:

Date: 18-07-2023

2) Write an essay (<u>any one</u>) in Bengali or in English

[10]

- a) The Role of Reason in our Daily Life
- b) All men are equal
- c) Disinterested Action

Write your answer below:

(2) [P.T.O.]

(3) [P.T.O.]