

# RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIDYAMANDIRA

(Residential Autonomous College affiliated to University of Calcutta)

B.A./B.Sc. FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 2019

FIRST YEAR [BATCH 2019-22]

ENGLISH [Honours]

Paper : I (CC1)

Date : 11/12/2019

Time : 11 am – 1 pm

Full Marks : 50

(Use a separate Answer Book for each group)

## Group - A

1. Answer **any five** questions of the following: (5×2)
- To whom does Beowulf leave the kingship of the Geats? Why does Beowulf choose him as his successor?
  - Who wrote a famous prose address to the English people? Name the two kings to whom he was advisor.
  - What is Kenning? Give two examples.
  - Name the famous work written by Bede, the Benedictine monk.
  - List the four major Old English Codices.
  - List the kingdoms that made up the Heptarchy.
  - Name four signed poems of Cynewulf.
2. Answer **any one** question of the following: (1×15)
- Consider *Beowulf* as an epic.
  - Briefly discuss the prose works of Aelfric and Wulfstan.

## Group – B

3. Answer **any five** questions of the following : (5×2)
- What is an interlude? Give one example.
  - Where do the Chaucerian pilgrims meet in *The Canterbury Tales*? Where are they headed?
  - Name two prose tales in Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales*.
  - Who established the first printing press in England? In which year was it set up?
  - Who was the most prominent leader of the Peasant's Revolt? Who was the English monarch at the time of this rebellion?
  - What is Magna Carta? Which English monarch was forced to sign it?
  - What is known as alliterative revival? Give two textual examples from Middle English Period.
4. Answer **any one** question of the following: (1×15)
- In *The General Prologue to The Canterbury Tales* Chaucer depicts the idea of medieval estate satire. Explain with reference to characters described in the prologue.
  - Discuss the features of the Miracle Plays and Moralities showing their importance in the development of English drama.