

RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIDYAMANDIRA

(Residential Autonomous College affiliated to University of Calcutta)

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THIRD YEAR [BATCH 2017-20]

ENGLISH (Honours)

Paper : V

Date : 14/12/2019

Time : 11 am – 3 pm

Full Marks : 100

Group-A

1. a) What are the salient features of the Indo-European family of languages? (18)

OR,

- b) Write short notes on any two of the following: (2×9)

i) Hybridism

ii) Malapropism

iii) Pre-Christian Latin loans

2. a) Discuss the nature and extent of the French influence on the English language.

OR,

(16)

- b) Referring to the different phases of borrowing from Latin, substantiate Jespersen's remark that this large scale borrowing from Latin has been something between a help and a hindrance.

3. a) Assess the contribution of Shakespeare towards enriching the English language.

OR,

(16)

- b) Show with suitable illustrations how the Bible has influenced the English language.

Group-B

4. a) Comment on Milton's use of Epic Simile in Book I of *Paradise Lost* with at least three specific illustrations from the text.

OR,

(18)

- b) Is Satan the hero of *Paradise Lost* or is he 'the infernal serpent. . . whose guile stirred up with envy and revenge deceived the Mother of Mankind'? Critically analyse with reference to *Paradise Lost Book I*.

5. a) Do you agree with the view that *Macbeth* is a play about the pursuit of power and its perpetuation? Give reasons for your answer.

OR,

(16)

- b) Discuss the significance of Shakespeare's use of the supernatural in *Macbeth*.

6. a) Analyse the role played by social class in *Great Expectations*.

OR,

(16)

- b) Discuss the significance of the use of the I-narrator in Charles Dickens's *Great Expectations*.

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