

RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIDYAMANDIRA

(Residential Autonomous College affiliated to University of Calcutta)

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

SECOND YEAR [BATCH 2018-21]

ENGLISH (General)

Paper : III

Date : 19/12/2019

Time : 11 am – 2 pm

Full Marks : 75

1. Answer **any one** question of the following: (1×15)
 - a) Critically comment on the title of the play, *Arms and the Man*.
 - b) Discuss Shaw's portrayal of Raina in *The Arms and the Man*.
2. Explain with reference to the context **any one** of the following: (1×5)
 - a) "Of all the fools ever let loose in a field of battle, that man must be the very maddest."
 - b) "You are born to be a servant. I was not."
3. Answer **any one** of the following questions: (1×15)
 - a) Discuss 'To India – My Native Land' as a patriotic poem.
 - b) What impression do you form of Miss Pushpa T.S. from the poem by Ezekiel?
 - c) What message does A.K. Ramanujan convey in his poem 'A River'?
 - d) Write a critical appreciation of Kamala Das' poem 'An Introduction'.
4. Explain with reference to the context **any one** of the following: (1×5)
 - a) "I am sinner,/ I am saint."
 - b) "The new poets still quoted/ the old poets..."
 - c) "Thy eagle pinion is chained down at last,
And grovelling in the lowly dust art thou;
Thy minstrel hath no wreath to weave for thee
Save the sad story of thy misery!"
 - d) "I don't mean only external sweetness/but internal sweetness."
5. Write short notes on **any five** of the following literary terms: (5×2)
 - a) Black Verse
 - b) Heroic Couplet
 - c) Satire
 - d) Sonnet
 - e) Ode
 - f) Imagery
 - g) Elegy
 - h) Epic

6. Answer **any one** of the following questions:

(1×15)

- a) Comment on the significance of the ending of R.K.Narayan's novel *The Guide*.
- b) R.K.Narayan's novel *The Guide*, is an account of the spiritual growth of the protagonist, Raju. Discuss with reference to the text.

7. Write a Précis of the following passage:

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Trees give shade for the benefits of others, and while they themselves stand in the sun and endure scorching heat, they produce the fruit by which others profit. The character of good men is like that of trees. What is the use of this perishable body, if no use is made of it for the benefit of mankind? Sandalwood – the more it is rubbed, the more scent does it yield, Sugarcane – the more it is pressed, the more juice does it produce. Gold – the more it is burnt, the more brightly does it Shine. The men who are noble at heart do not lose these qualities even in losing their lives. What does it matter whether men practise them or not? What difference does it make whether riches abide with them or not? What does it signify whether they die at this moment or whether their lives are prolonged? Happen what may, those who tread on the right path will not set foot in any other. Life itself is unprofitable to a man who does not live for others. To live for the mere sake of living one's life is to live the life of dogs and cows. Those who lay down their lives for the sake of a friend, or even for the sake of a stranger, will assuredly dwell forever in a world of bliss.

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