

RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIDYAMANDIRA

(Residential Autonomous College affiliated to University of Calcutta)

B.A./B.Sc. SIXTH SEMESTER TAKE-HOME TEST / ASSIGNMENT, JULY 2020

THIRD YEAR [BATCH 2017-20]

Starting Date & Time : 14/07/2020 at 11 a.m.

ENGLISH (Honours)

Closing Date & Time : 15/07/2020 at 11 a.m.

Paper : VII & VIII

Full Marks : 35+30

All questions must be answered within a period of 24 hours. Students are permitted to refer to the texts and to other textual and online reference materials but they must add a list of works referred to at the end of their answers. This is essential. It applies to both papers.

Paper : VII

- 1) Modern English poetry is a complex response to cataclysmic changes the Western civilization had experienced in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Discuss with reference to the poems prescribed for your study.

OR

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- 2) Is Alison the Lady Pusillanimous of Jimmy's description or a woman like Lady Macbeth capable of making choices? Illustrate your answer with suitable examples.

- 3) In comparing Hemingway's The Old Man and the Sea and Herman Melville's Moby Dick, can you say that Santiago and Captain Ahab are identical egoists? Or are they different? Explain.

OR

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- 4) Out of the poems by modern American poets in your syllabus, which one did you particularly like, and why did you like it? How does the poem you chose reflect American society and culture today? Explain.

Paper : VIII

5. Write an essay on **any one** of the following topics :

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- Are literary festivals meant to increase book sales or to celebrate authorship?
- Literature and democracy in the contemporary world.
- Is social distancing a threat to creativity?
- Is print publishing dying?
- Travel writing has nothing new to offer. Do you agree?

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