

RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIDYAMANDIRA

(Residential Autonomous College affiliated to University of Calcutta)

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FIRST YEAR [BATCH 2020-23]

ENGLISH (GENERAL)

Paper - I

Date : 30/03/2021

Time : 11 am – 1 pm

Full Marks : 50

1. Answer **any one** of the following questions: [1×10]
 - a) Discuss the theme of Shakespeare's sonnet 'Since brass, nor stone, nor earth'
 - b) Name the figures of speech employed by Keats in the 2nd stanza of Ode to Autumn. Is this description of autumn in the 2nd stanza in conformity with the description of autumn in the 1st stanza?
 - c) What does Lennon sing of in 'Imagine'?
2. Answer **any one** of the following questions: [1×10]
 - a) What did Mr. Woodfield do after taking the drink offered by the boss?
 - b) Why did the lamas want to buy a Mark V computer? Do you think Chuck and George were able to escape? Explain briefly.
3. Answer **any one** of the following questions: [1×10]
 - a) What does K. C. Bhattacharya mean by 'Svaraj in Ideas'?
 - b) What, according to John Berger, is glamour? Show how publicity images manufacture glamour.
4. Identify the figures of speech in the following: [10×1]
 - a) The world is a stage.
 - b) She sells sea shells by the sea shore.
 - c) And faith unfaithful kept him falsely true.
 - d) To follow knowledge like a sinking star.
 - e) Parting is such sweet sorrow.
 - f) A sleepless pillow is pressed by both; an anxious morning slowly dawned.
 - g) Man does not live by bread alone.
 - h) Mischief, thou art afoot.
 - i) The prisoner was bound in iron.
 - j) O Poverty thou curst by the poor.
5. Fill in the blank spaces with the appropriate preposition (**any ten**): [10×1]
 - a) He was absorbed _____ calculating.
 - b) Mohan is afraid _____ the monkey.
 - c) You must conform _____ the rules of the college.

- d) He arrived _____ Kolkata in the morning.
- e) He was found guilty _____ murder.
- f) They are leaving _____ Delhi soon.
- g) A week consists _____ seven days.
- h) His house is opposite _____ ours.
- i) He was cured _____ the infection.
- j) Are you related _____ Mr. Sen in any way?
- k) This house is superior _____ that.
- l) She was deprived _____ her freedom.

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