

RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIDYAMANDIRA

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ENGLISH (GENERAL)

Paper : IV

Date : 13/08/2021

Time : 11 am – 1 pm

Full Marks : 50

1. Answer **any one** of the following questions: [1×10]
 - i) Do you think that Derozio's poem 'To India- My Native Land' is a poem of despair? Answer with close reference to the poem.
 - ii) Comment on the central theme of A. K. Ramanujan's poem 'A River'.
 - iii) Do you think Kamala Das's poem 'An Introduction' is a feminist poem? Give reasons for your answer.
2. Answer **any one** of the following questions: [1×15]
 - i) Discuss the significance of Manjula's opening speech in Karnad's play *Broken Images*.
 - ii) Discuss Karnad's use of the Image in his play *Broken Images*. What is its dramatic significance?
3. Answer **any one** of the following questions: [1×15]
 - i) Bring out the contrast between Moorthy and Bhatta as presented in Raja Rao's novel *Kanthapura*.
 - ii) Discuss the significance of Harikatha in Raja Rao's novel *Kanthapura*.
4. Make a precis of the following passage and provide a suitable title: [10]

When we survey our lives and efforts we soon observe that almost the whole of our actions and desires are bound up with the existence of other human beings. We eat food that others have produced, wear clothes that others have made, live in houses that others have built. The greater part of our knowledge and beliefs has been passed on to us by other people though the medium of a language which others have created. Without language and mental capacities, we would have been poor indeed. We have, therefore, to admit that we owe our principal knowledge over the least to the fact of living in human society. The individual if left alone from birth would remain primitive and beast-like in his thoughts and feelings to a degree that we can hardly imagine. The individual is what he is and has the significance that he has, not much in virtue of the individuality, but rather as a member of a great human community, which directs his material and spiritual existence from the cradle to grave. (176 words)

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