

# RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIDYAMANDIRA

(Residential Autonomous College affiliated to University of Calcutta)

B.A./B.Sc. FIFTH SEMESTER EXAMINATION, MARCH 2021

THIRD YEAR [BATCH 2018-21]

ENGLISH (HONOURS)

PAPER : VI

Date : 13/03/2021

Time : 11 am – 1 pm

Full Marks : 50

1. Answer **any one** of the following questions: [1×14]
  - a) What does Aristotle mean by catharsis? What is its function in his tragic scheme?
  - b) Discuss the features of modern tragedy.
2. Answer **any one** of the following questions: [1×14]
  - a) Comedy can change how we think and even how we act. Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.
  - b) The function of laughter in Comedy is to intimidate by humiliating. Is this a fair assessment of the nature of comic laughter ? What, according to you, is the ideal kind of comic laughter?
3. Answer **any one** of the following questions: [1×14]
  - a) Comment on the rise of the Gothic novel. Why did it become such a popular genre?
  - b) Discuss either the detective novel or the science fiction novel, in late nineteenth century Britain.
4. Write a note on **any one** of the following questions: [1×8]
  - a) The colonial invention of the Orient as an exercise in epistemic violence.
  - b) The colonial past and postcolonial disciplines.

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