

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 : V

Date : 08/03/2021

Time : 11 am – 03 pm

Full Marks : 100

Group - A

1. a) What are the Indo-European languages? Write an essay on the major characteristics of the Indo-European languages.

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- b) Write an essay on the relative importance of the Stress Shift and the Consonant Shift.

2. a) Do you agree with Jespersen's view that the influence of Latin on English has proved more a hindrance than a help?

OR,

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- b) What were the spheres of human knowledge or activity in which the Scandinavians were able to teach the English? Answer with reference to the Scandinavian loan words in English.

3. a) Show with suitable illustrations how the Bible has influenced the English language.

OR,

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- b) Examine the nature of American influence on British English.

Group – B

4. a) Comment on the significance of the first twenty-six lines of Paradise Lost.

OR,

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- b) Do you agree with the view that Milton belonged to the Devil's party without knowing it? Give reasons for your answer.

5. a) Is *Macbeth* a play about crime and punishment or there is more to it? Give reasons for your answer.

OR,

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- b) What role does Shakespeare assign to Macduff in the moral scheme of the play? Answer with close reference to the text.

6. a) How relevant is the title *Great Expectations*? Comment with reference to the characters of Pip and Estella.

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- b) Comment on the theme of crime and punishment in *Great Expectations*.

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