

RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIDYAMANDIRA

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FIRST YEAR [BATCH 2021-24]

ENGLISH (GENERAL)

Paper : II

Date : 24/06/2022

Time : 11 am – 2 pm

Full Marks : 75

1. Answer **any two** questions of the following: [2×10]
 - a) What is the central theme of A. K. Ramanujan's poem 'A River'.
 - b) Why does Kamala Das call her poem 'An Introduction'? Explain with close reference to the text.
 - c) Write a short note on the conditions of India as depicted in Derozio's poem 'To India My Native Land'. How does the poet want to redeem the lost glory of India?
 - d) 'Goodbye Party for Miss Pushpa T. S.' is a satire on Indian English. Do You agree? Give reasons for your answer.
2. Answer **any one** question of the following: [1×20]
 - a) Discuss Karnad's portrayal of Manjula's character in 'Broken Images'. Where does she stand in comparison with her younger sister Malini?
 - b) Discuss Manjula's opening speech in 'Broken Images'. What light does it throw on the language politics of contemporary India?
3. Answer **any one** question of the following: [1×20]
 - a) Moorthy is a lost leader. Do you agree? Argue with reference to Raja Rao's Kanthapura.
 - b) Religion becomes the nucleus of social regeneration in Raja Rao's Kanthapura. Discuss.
4. Write a precis of **any one** of the following passages and add a suitable title: [1×15]
 - a) Democracy is the most difficult of all forms of government and it is one to which most nations now aspire. This is because it seems to most people to be the form of government which provides the best hope of making a world in which privilege, good fortune or the accidents of history will no longer determine the spheres of opportunity. In this the human spirit will develop best. A successful democratic system requires a number of pre-conditions, most of them difficult in themselves to establish. It requires the active cooperation of the community for the common good. It requires institutions which can ensure that those who obey the law will not become the victims of those who do not. It requires a mutual respect and shared pride in the objectives and tradition of the community as a whole. It requires the absence of any form of discrimination based on race, sex, belief or opinion. It requires, especially from those who have power and influence, restraint and patience. [170 words]
 - b) Prevention is better than cure. It is recognised that the only way to get rid of malaria completely is to get rid of the mosquitoes which cause it. Malaria is always associated with damp and marshy land. This is not because the land is damp, but because the static water is the breeding place of the mosquitoes which begin their life as a larva in the water. Malaria does not frequently occur in dry desert countries because mosquitoes cannot breed there. The only way to destroy mosquitoes is to prevent their breeding in static water. This can be done by draining all ponds and pools. And by keeping them covered in the breeding season with a film of kerosene oil which by depriving the larva of air, kills them. [129 words]

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