

# RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIDYAMANDIRA

(Residential Autonomous College affiliated to University of Calcutta)

B.A./B.Sc. SIXTH SEMESTER EXAMINATION, JUNE 2022

THIRD YEAR [BATCH 2019-22]

ENGLISH (HONOURS)

Paper : DSE3

Date : 15/06/2022

Time : 11 am – 1 pm

Full Marks : 50

1. Write short notes on any three of the following: [3×5]
  - a) Monkeypox is much in the news nowadays. What does David Quammen say about it in the chapter in your syllabus?
  - b) What is zoonosis? Give some examples.
  - c) What is meant by 'passage' of an infective organism? Who discovered it?
  - d) John M Barry says that the 1918 influenza pandemic came in waves, and that the second wave was 'lethal'. Which is the most likely hypothesis for this?
2. Answer any one of the following: [1×10]
  - a) Assess the portrayal of terminal illness in Thom Gunn's poem 'The Man with Night Sweats'.
  - b) How does Anne Sexton present both the sufferings of mental depression and emancipation from the same in her poem 'The Fury of Rain Storms'? Discuss with textual references.
3. Briefly answer any three of the following: [3×5]
  - a) Which medicine does Alan Krumwiede, the freelancer and conspiracy theorist, market? Is this a typical counter-narrative in response to a pandemic?
  - b) What does the flashback show us about the origins of the pandemic in *Contagion*?
  - c) Why does Sun Feng kidnap Dr Leonora Orantes?
  - d) Do you think the film prophetically foresees the Covid-19 pandemic? Give any two examples from the film that make you agree or disagree.
4. Answer any one of the following: [1×10]
  - a) Should Marissa Blumenthal have trusted Ralph Hempston? Explain.
  - b) Who was Tad Schockley? Could Marissa have solved the crime without his help? Discuss.

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