

RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIDYAMANDIRA

(Residential Autonomous College affiliated to University of Calcutta)

B.A./B.Sc. FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION, MARCH 2022

FIRST YEAR [BATCH 2021-24]

ENGLISH (GENERAL)

PAPER : I

Date : 12/03/2022

Time : 11 am – 1 pm

Full Marks : 50

1. Answer **any one** question of the following: [1×10]
 - a) What does Shakespeare say about the might of Time in his sonnet 'Since brass, nor stone,...'
How does he intend to prevent Time's ravages?
 - b) How has Keats portrayed autumn as the season of fruition and fulfillment in his ode?
 - c) Point out the salient features of dramatic monologue with reference to Tennyson's 'Ulysses'.
 - d) 'Imagine' an idealist's dream or a poem of protest? Answer with close reference to the text.
2. Answer **any one** question of the following: [1×10]
 - a) "... my eyes burned with anguish and anger." Why did the eyes of the narrator burn with anguish and anger in the short story 'Araby'?
 - b) What did the boss do after Mr. Woodifield left?
 - c) Do you find it strange that a supercomputer should be used to list the nine billion names of God?
What happened after all the names were listed?
 - d) 'Attempts to form relationships are continually thwarted in Ruskin Bond's 'The Eyes Are Not Here.' Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer.
3. Answer **any one** question of the following: [1×10]
 - a) "When I speak of cultural subjection, I do not mean the assimilation of an alien culture." What does K. C. Bhattacharya mean by "assimilation of an alien culture"?
 - b) How does John Berger justify the use of the language of oil painting in publicity images?
4. Identify the figures of speech in the following lines: [10×1]
 - i) At the sight of the weeping child, the mother rose in her.
 - ii) The ploughman homeward plods his weary way.
 - iii) The camel is the ship of the desert.
 - iv) The bookful blockhead, ignorantly read.
 - v) The thirsty earth soaks up the rain. / And drinks and gapes for drink again.
 - vi) Alone, alone, all, all, alone, / Alone on a wide, wide sea.
 - vii) O wind, / If winter comes can spring be far behind.

viii) Socrates drank the fatal cup.

ix) The child shows the man as morning shows the day.

x) All Arabia breathes from yonder box.

5. Choose the appropriate word from the alternatives given and fill in the blank spaces: [10×1]

a) He has written the letter ink. (with, in)

b) The customer got tired waiting, and left the shop. (for, of)

c) The old man was trembling cold. (in, with)

d) The boy tied a string the dog's tail. (on, to)

e) The man was suspected stealing the watch. (for, of)

f) We spent a lot of time our mobile phones during the pandemic. (for, on)

g) He was deprived his freedom. (from, of)

h) My friends congratulated me my success. (on, for)

i) I am anxious his health. (for, about)

j) The jar is full oil. (with, of)

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