

# RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIDYAMANDIRA

(Residential Autonomous College affiliated to University of Calcutta)

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INDIAN CULTURE AND SPIRITUAL HERITAGE

Date : 03/05/2025

Time : 11 am – 12 noon

Paper : VI

Full Marks : 25

Answer **any five** questions of the following :

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1. Distinguish between the basic spiritual disciplines of Zen Buddhists & Tibetan Buddhists.
2. How can you differentiate between Svetambara and Digambara Jain Monks from the standpoint of their spiritual practices?
3. *“The Hindu believes that every soul is a circle whose circumference is nowhere, but whose centre is located in the body, and that death means the change of this centre from body to body”* – Explain how this eternity of the soul is related to the ultimate divinity according to Hinduism.
4. Briefly describe about the values and practices administered in Sikhism to accomplish human life.
5. *“He is everywhere, the pure and formless One, the Almighty and the All-merciful. ‘Thou art our father, Thou art our mother, Thou art our beloved friend. Thou art the source of all strength; give us strength. Thou art He that beareth the burdens of the universe; help me bear the little burden of this life’”* – Elaborate how Swami Vivekananda inspired us to worship this All-merciful God.
6. *“I am proud to belong to a religion which has taught the world both tolerance and universal acceptance. We believe not only in universal toleration, but we accept all religions as true”* – Explain how this prophetic utterance of Swamiji justifies the eternal idea inclusiveness administered in Sanatana Dharma.
7. *“I have to thank you of America for the great attempt you are making to break down the barriers of this little world of ours, and hope that, in the future, the Lord will help you to accomplish your purpose”* - Enumerate how Swamiji explicitly highlighted ‘the barriers of this little world’ through a beautiful anecdote.

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