

# RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIDYAMANDIRA

(Residential Autonomous College under University of Calcutta)

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FIRST YEAR

ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

Date : 13/12/2011

Time : 2.30 pm – 3.30 pm

Paper : I

Full Marks : 25

**Answer all questions :**

1. Why did Sir Purun Dass renounce the world? Do you think he was successful in his quest? [5]
2. What does William Blake tell us through his poem 'The Poison Tree'? [5]
3. Briefly describe the ancient world view of Europe as presented by Tagore. [3]
4. Name and explain the Sanskrit word that sums up the ancient Indian outlook on life. [2]
5. Use the correct form of the verb: [8 x ½ = 4]
  - a) The design on the greeting cards \_\_\_\_ (appear, appears) to be taken from Rajasthan murals.
  - b) The writer and singer \_\_\_\_ (enthral, enthrals) the crowd.
  - c) It became necessary to involve every man, woman and child who \_\_\_\_ (were, was) willing to help.
  - d) Excitement, as well as nervousness, \_\_\_\_ (is, are) the cause of his shaking.
  - e) Neither the book nor the tapes \_\_\_\_ (were, was) returned.
  - f) Neither of them \_\_\_\_ (want, wants) to help.
  - g) Our cricket team \_\_\_\_ (is, are) doing really well.
  - h) The survey covering seven colleges \_\_\_\_ (reveal, reveals) a growth in percentage of pass.
6. Use the correct article: [6 x ½ = 3]
  - a) Contact him over \_\_\_\_ (the, Zero article) phone and tell him to travel by \_\_\_\_ (Zero article, the) train.
  - b) He works in \_\_\_\_ (Zero article, the) University and is \_\_\_\_ (a, an) honourable man.
  - c) Today is \_\_\_\_ (a, the) most important day in my life. Will you take me to \_\_\_\_ (Zero article, the) Rashtrapati Bhavan?
7. Correct the spellings if necessary: [3]
  - a) Bizzare
  - b) Pharoah
  - c) Propoganda

