

RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIDYAMANDIRA
A Residential Autonomous College under University of Calcutta
First Year
B.A./B.Sc. First Semester Examination, December 2012
COMPULSORY ENGLISH

Date: 11-12-2012

Time: 12.30 pm – 1.30 pm

Full Marks: 25

1. Read the following passage very carefully, and then answer the questions which follow:

5x1=5

I went home on the bus dazed with happiness and began to get the full realisation of what had happened to me. I had suddenly left behind a life of poverty and was entering a long-desired dream – a dream my mother had so often spoken about, had revelled in. I was to become an actor! It had all come so suddenly, so unexpectedly. I kept thumbing the pages of my part – it had a brown new paper cover – the most important document I have ever held in my life. During the ride on the bus I realised I had crossed an important threshold. No longer was I a nondescript of the slums; now I was a personage of the theatre. I wanted to weep.

Choose the right option:

- (a) The writer was happy because he was going to be (1) a writer (2) an actor (3) a bus driver (4) a nondescript of the slums.
- (b) He wanted to weep because (1) he had to ride in a bus (2) he had to read the pages of his part (3) his mother's dream was about to come true (4) he was dazed.
- (c) He had become a personage of the theatre because (1) he was happy (2) he had a brown paper packet (3) he had been given the part of an actor (4) he was a nondescript of the slums.
- (d) The most important document which the writer held was (1) his part (2) the theatre (3) his dream (4) his poverty.
- (e) The writer was leaving behind a life of poverty in the slums because (1) he now had the chance to become an actor (2) he was on a bus (3) he wanted to weep (4) he was going home.

2. Attempt any ONE:

1x5=5

- (a) Write a description of a torch in six sentences to someone who has never seen one before.
- (b) Write a brief narration on a quarrel in the street.
- (c) Write a brief report on your departmental tour.

3. Answer any ONE question:

1x5=5

- (a) Was Mohan a true follower of Mahatma Gandhi? Give reasons for your answer.
- (b) Describe briefly the house purchased by Mohan just outside Malgudi.

4. Answer any ONE question:

1x5=5

- (a) Do you think Ajamil was correct in making peace with the tiger people? Give reasons for your answer.
- (b) Compare the character of Ajamil's dog with that of the tiger king.

5. Answer any FIVE questions. Use complete sentences while answering:

5x1=5

- (a) What was the name of the owner of The Boardless?
- (b) From where did Mohan have 'subtle' cosmetics for Selvi brought? Who supplied these cosmetics?
- (c) For how long had Selvi been wedded to Mohan? Did he allow her to speak to anyone in his absence?
- (d) What was the name of the street where Selvi had been brought up by her mother?
- (e) What did Mohan do for his livelihood before he married Selvi and became her manager?
- (f) Name some of the important persons in whose company Mohan and Selvi had had their photographs taken.
- (g) Why did Mohan want no one to suspect that he encouraged the use of cosmetics?