

# RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIDYAMANDIRA

(Residential Autonomous College under University of Calcutta)

B.A./B.Sc. FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION, JANUARY 2015

FIRST YEAR

COMPULSORY ENGLISH

Paper : I

Date : 16/01/2015

Time : 12.30 pm – 1.30 pm

Full Marks : 20

1. Answer **any two** questions of the following: (2 × 5)
  - a) What, according to Jaques are the Seven Ages of Man? What is 'Second Childishness'?
  - b) What are the 'narrow domestic walls' that Tagore speaks of in 'Where the Mind is Without Fear'? Why does the poet compare "dead habit" to "dreary desert sand"?
  - c) Why did the narrator of the story, 'The Night Train at Deoli', decide to have a break journey at Deoli?
2. Find out the correct alternative for each group of words: (6 × ½)
  - a) A collection of poems:
    - i) poetry ii) prosody iii) anthology iv) verse
  - b) One who uses his power arbitrarily and oppressively:
    - i) dictator ii) autocrat iii) tyrant iv) authoritarian
  - c) Smaller than average:
    - i) depression ii) shorter iii) diminutive iv) dwarfish
  - d) Continuing for ever:
    - i) yearly ii) lasting iii) perpetual iv) undestructive
  - e) One who speaks of others:
    - i) speaker ii) mouthpiece iii) spokesman iv) authority
  - f) Being at ease:
    - i) calm ii) tranquil iii) composure iv) placid
3. Fill in the blanks with appropriate preposition: (4 × ½)

When they had settled down \_\_\_\_\_ dinner, mother quietly slipped \_\_\_\_\_ her room. No sooner had she sat down than her eyes flooded \_\_\_\_\_ tears. She kept wiping her eyes \_\_\_\_\_ the dopatta, but the tears wouldn't stop.
4. Write a letter to the Secretary, Academy of Fine Arts requesting him to grant permission for organizing a photography exhibition of your college photography department from February 10 to February 15, 2015 (5)

**OR**

Write a letter to the District Information Officer, advocating the establishment of a Public Library in your town. (5)

