

RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIDYAMANDIRA

(Residential Autonomous College affiliated to University of Calcutta)

B.A./B.Sc. SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION, MAY 2016

FIRST YEAR [BATCH 2015-18]

COMPULSORY ENGLISH

Date : 14/05/2016

Time : 1 pm – 2 pm

Paper : II

Full Marks : 25

1. Answer **any five** of the following questions briefly : [5×3]
 - a) Name any two proverbs mentioned by Leacock in his essay.
 - b) Does Leacock feel that old proverbs fit into the modern world? To which proverb does he refer, when he writes, 'but a bird in a good restaurant is worth ten of either of them'?
 - c) What does Wilfred Owen mean by 'cold star'?
 - d) In the poem 'Futility', will the person who is moved into sunlight wake up? Why not?
 - e) What does Tagore compare 'dead habit' to?
 - f) What do 'narrow domestic walls' do to our world?
2. Answer **any five** of the following questions by filling the blanks with the correct verb. [5×1]
 - a) *The Three Musketeers* _____ written by Alexander Dumas.
 - b) The cost of all these articles _____ risen.
 - c) The cow as well as the horse _____ grass.
 - d) One or the other of those fellows _____ stolen the watch.
 - e) Ninety rupees _____ too much for this bag.
 - f) No news _____ good news.
3. Write **either** the business letter **or** the job application. Do not add a CV. [5]
 - a) As Sales Manager of Shanti Paper Works, Belur Math, write a letter to the Principal, Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira, Belur Math, offering high quality paper of various types at low prices, for use by the college office.
 - b) Reply to the following advertisement by writing a job application : 'Wanted urgently, for the post of Assistant Manager, Marketing, a recent Honours graduate from any stream. Computer literacy is essential. Write to Manager HRD, ABC Sales Group, Belur Math, Howrah.'

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