

# RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIDYAMANDIRA

(Residential Autonomous College under University of Calcutta)

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FIRST YEAR

English (Honours)

Paper : I

Date : 14/12/2013

Time : 11am – 3pm

Full Marks : 100

**(Use separate answer book for each group)**

## **Group – A**

1. Answer **any eight** of the following questions: (Word limit: 75 - 100 words) [8×2]
  - a) To whom does Beowulf leave the kingship of the Geats? Why does Beowulf choose him as his successor?
  - b) Give the names of the kings who fought on either side in the Battle of Brunanburh.
  - c) On which monument are some lines from The Dream of the Rood engraved?
  - d) Name any two works of the Caedmonian school of poetry.
  - e) In which fitt or stanza of which poem do we find information about Cynewulf?
  - f) Name **any three** works by king Alfred.
  - g) How did the word 'Norman' originate?
  - h) Name any two contemporaries of Chaucer.
  - i) Mention the names of any two works belonging to the 'Matter of Britain' group of poems.
  - j) What is an Interlude?
  - k) Against whom did the Peasants' Revolt take place? When did it happen?
  - l) What is the importance of the Black Death?
2. Answer **any one** of the following questions: (Word limit: 550 - 600 words) [17]
  - a) Write an essay on the work of either Caedmon or Cynewulf.
  - b) Assess either Aelfric or Wulfstan as writers of Old English prose.
3. Answer **any one** of the following questions: (Word limit: 550 - 600 words) [17]
  - a) Write an essay on Middle English Metrical Romances with special reference to the Matter of England and the Matter of France.
  - b) Discuss the features of the Miracle Plays and Moralities showing their importance in the history of English Drama.

## **Group – B**

4. Write short notes on **any two** of the following: (Word limit: 250 - 300 words) [2×10]
  - a) The extent and character of the French influence on the English language with reference to any two fields of borrowing.
  - b) Examine the nature of the American influence on British English.
  - c) Free and fixed compounds.
  - d) Root creation.
5. Answer **any one** of the following questions: (Word limit: 550 - 600 words) [18]
  - a) Discuss the nature and extent of the Latin influence on the English language during the Pre-Christian and Renaissance periods.
  - b) Make an assessment of either Shakespeare's influence on the English language or the Bible translations in the English language.
6. Write philological word-notes on **any four** of the following: (Word limit: 75 - 100 words) [4×3]

a) virtue	b) trusteeship
c) picture	d) enormous
e) debt	f) sister
g) bread	h) daisy

