

RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIDYAMANDIRA

(Residential Autonomous College under University of Calcutta)

B.A./B.Sc. FIFTH SEMESTER EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 2014

THIRD YEAR

ENGLISH (Honours)

Paper : VI

Date : 23/12/2014

Time : 11 am – 1 pm

Full Marks : 50

Group – A

1. a) Briefly discuss some of the early forms of the English novel. (14)

Or,

- b) Comment on some major innovations in the novelist's technique in the twentieth century.

2. a) Is character more important than plot in a comedy? Discuss with references to the plays you are familiar with. (14)

Or,

- b) 'Comedy is not an escape from life, but an exploration of life.' Discuss.

3. a) Discuss Aristotle's definition of tragedy. Is it applicable to modern tragedy? (14)

Or,

- b) From the tragedies you have read, can you come to any general conclusion about the extent to which a tragic hero is responsible for his downfall?

4. Write a short note on any one of the following : (1 × 8)

Liberal feminism; "One is not born, but rather becomes, woman".

