

RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIDYAMANDIRA

(Residential Autonomous College affiliated to University of Calcutta)

B.A./B.Sc. FIFTH SEMESTER EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 2015

THIRD YEAR

ENGLISH (Honours)

Date : 17/12/2015

Time : 11 am – 1 pm

Paper : VI

Full Marks : 50

Group – A

1. a) Discuss how technological, scientific, and social changes at the beginning of the twentieth century affected the novel.

Or,

(14)

- b) Assess the factors which made the novel a very popular literary genre in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

2. a) Justify, with examples, the contemporary relevance of the performance of tragedy as a mode of entertainment.

Or,

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- b) What role does Aristotle assign to plot in his scheme of tragedy? How does complex plot differ from simple plot? Answer with suitable illustrations.

3. a) Discuss the relative importance of plot and character in comedy with illustrative references.

Or,

(14)

- b) 'Comedy evokes thoughtful laughter.' Do you agree with this view? Give reasons for your answer.

4. Briefly comment on any one of the following topics:

- a) Bhabha's theory of 'ambivalence'

Or,

(1 × 8)

- b) Nationalism and its problems

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