

RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIDYAMANDIRA

(Residential Autonomous College affiliated to University of Calcutta)

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FIRST YEAR (BATCH 2016-19)

ENGLISH (Honours)

Date : 12/12/2016

Time : 11 am – 3 pm

Paper : I

Full Marks : 100

(Use a separate Answer Book for each Group)

Group – A

1. Answer **any eight** questions of the following: (8 × 2)
 - a) In which year did Emperor Honorius write to the Britons? What was his message?
 - b) List all seven Anglo-Saxon kingdoms.
 - c) Name the meadhall attacked by Grendel. To whom does Beowulf leave the kingship of the Geats?
 - d) Who fought whom in the battle of Maldon? When was it fought?
 - e) Name the Latin source of the poem 'Waldere'.
 - f) What is the Anglo-Saxon chronicle?
 - g) In which manuscript do we find the poem 'Sir Gawain and the Green Knight'?
 - h) Who introduced the printing press to England? When?
 - i) Name the three estates in medieval feudal society.
 - j) Why is rhyme royal called so? Name one work where rhyme royal stanza is used.
 - k) What was the Magna Carta? Name the king who signed it.
 - l) What were the Crusades? Why did they take place?
2. Answer **any one** question of the following: (1 × 17)
 - a) Consider Beowulf as an Anglo-Saxon epic.
 - b) Discuss either King Alfred or Wulfstan as an Anglo-Saxon prose writer.
3. Answer **any one** question of the following: (1 × 17)
 - a) 'The Black Death is more than a background in *The Pardoner's Prologue and Tale*'. Discuss.
 - b) Many scenes and characters in 'Sir Gawain and the Green Knight' are doubled or multiplied. Comment on the structure of the poem in light of the above statement.

Group – B

4. Answer **any eight** questions of the following: (8 × 2)
 - a) What was the punishment devised by the gods of the Underworld for Sisyphus?
 - b) Who was Prometheus? How did he help men?
 - c) Who are Erinyes or Furies? Name the three Furies as mentioned by Virgil in the 'Aeneid'.

- d) How many Muses were there in Greek mythology? Why were they invoked?
- e) Who was Icarus? What happened to him?
- f) Name the presiding deity of epic poetry. What do you know about her?
- g) Who was Orpheus? What effect did his art have on nature and wild animals?
- h) How does Ovid use the myth of Narcissus in Book III of 'Metamorphoses'?
- i) What happened when Pandora opened the box she carried?
- j) What does the Greek myth about the quest for the Golden Fleece exemplify?

5. Answer **any eight** questions of the following:

(8 × 2)

- a) What is the Septuagint?
- b) Which part of the Bible did William Tyndale first translate?
- c) What is the King James Version of the Bible also known as? When was it issued?
- d) What is known as Pentateuch?
- e) What is referred to as 'apocrypha' in the history of the Bible?
- f) What is the significance of the killing of Abel by Cain?
- g) Who found the baby Moses and where?
- h) Give the name of the Promised Land to which Moses led his people.
- i) In which role does St Matthew's Gospel most importantly portray Jesus?

6. Write short notes on **any three** of the following:

(3 × 6)

- a) Thyestes
- b) Aristophanes
- c) Euripides
- d) Oresteian Trilogy
- e) Iliad
- f) Metamorphoses

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