

RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIDYAMANDIRA

(Residential Autonomous College affiliated to University of Calcutta)

B.A./B.Sc. FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 2018

FIRST YEAR (BATCH 2018-21)

ENGLISH (Honours)

Date : 14/12/2018

Time : 11am - 3pm

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) 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) List any two of the surviving Old English poetic codices.
 - e) Name the two monsters Beowulf killed.
 - f) Name two romances dealing with the matter of England.
 - g) Name one prominent leader of the Peasants' Revolt. Who was the English monarch when this revolt took place?
 - h) Mention four of the pilgrims in Chaucer's 'Canterbury Tales'.
 - i) What is the Bayeux Tapestry?
 - j) Name two Alliterative Poems.
 - k) Name the English prose work written by John Gower.
 - l) Name two leaders associated with the Lollard Movement.
2. Answer **any one** question of the following : (1×17)
 - a) Assess either Aelfric or Wulfstan as writers of Old English prose.
 - b) Assess the contribution of Caedmon and Cynewulf to Old English Christian poetry.
3. Answer **any one** question of the following : (1×17)
 - a) Trace the origin and development of English drama up to the period of the Morality plays.
 - b) Discuss the importance of Chaucer with reference to at least four of his works.

Group – B

4. Answer **any eight** questions of the following: (8 × 2)
- a) What is Hesiod's 'Theogony' about and why is it important?
 - b) How many Muses were there in Greek Mythology? Why were they invoked?
 - c) What did the Greek myth about the quest for the Golden Fleece signify?
 - d) What role was assigned to the Furies in Greek myth?
 - e) Why did the Gods make Narcissus fall in love with his own reflection?
 - f) How was the myth of Psyche interpreted?
 - g) How did Orpheus charm the creatures of the underworld?
 - h) What was the warning Icarus disobeyed? What happened to him as a result?
 - i) Who were the fates in Greek mythology? What did they determine?
 - j) Why was Zeus angry with Prometheus? How was Prometheus punished?
5. Answer **any eight** questions of the following: (8 × 2)
- a) What is the Septuagint?
 - b) Who brought out the first English Bible? When was this done?
 - c) What was the Bishop's Bible?
 - d) In which year did the King James Version appear?
 - e) According to the Book of Genesis, what did God create right at the beginning?
 - f) What did God create on the fifth day, according to the Book of Genesis?
 - g) What does St. Matthew portray Jesus above all as, in his Gospel?
 - h) Name any two parables from the Gospel according to St. Matthew.
 - i) What was the purpose of the Gospel according to Matthew?
 - j) Only St. Matthew tells us one well known story associated with the birth of Christ. Which story is this?
6. Write a note on **any three** of the following: (3 × 6)
- i) Pindar
 - ii) Aristophanes
 - iii) Terence
 - iv) Horace
 - v) *Oresteia*
 - vi) *Metamorphoses*

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