

RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIDYAMANDIRA

(Residential Autonomous College affiliated to University of Calcutta)

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

THIRD YEAR (BATCH 2016-19)

ENGLISH (Honours)

Date : 17/12/2018

Time : 11am - 3pm

Paper : V

Full Marks : 100

(Use a separate Answer Book for each group)

Group – A

1. a) Make a comparative study between Stress Shift and consonant shift to emphasise the importance of the one over the other.

Or,

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- b) Discuss the nature and extent of the French influence on the English language.

2. a) How have Scandinavian loan words enriched the vocabulary of the English language?

Or,

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- b) Do you agree with Jespersen's view that the influence of classical languages on English has proved more a hindrance than a help?

3. a) Discuss the part played by the Bible in moulding the English language.

Or,

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- b) What, according to Jespersen, are the distinctive features of Shakespeare's use of the English language?

Group – B

4. a) Comment on how Milton modifies a well-worn epic convention in the opening of *Paradise Lost*, Book 1.

Or,

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- b) Does Milton portray Satan as a tragic hero in *Paradise Lost*, Book 1? Argue with close reference to the text.

5. a) Comment on the poetic elements in *Macbeth* with close textual reference.

Or,

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- b) Is Lady Macbeth a victim of her self-ignorance? Answer with close reference to the text.

6. a) Do you see any similarity between Magwitch and Miss Havisham, in their desire for revenge? Discuss with close reference to the text.

Or,

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- b) Is *Great Expectations* a bildungsroman? Discuss with a close reading of the text.

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