

RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIDYAMANDIRA
(Residential Autonomous College affiliated to University of Calcutta)

SECOND YEAR [2018-21]
B.A./B.Sc. THIRD SEMESTER (July – December) 2019
Mid-Semester Examination, September 2019

Date : 19/09/19

Time : 11 am – 12 noon

ENGLISH (General)

Paper : III

Full Marks : 25

1. Explain any **one** of the following lines : (5)
 - a) ‘... the river has water enough
to be poetic
about only once a year’
 - b) ‘... no one spoke
in verse
of the pregnant woman
drowned, with perhaps twins in her’
2. Discuss ‘Goodbye Party to Miss Pushpa T.S.’ as a satirical poem. (10)
3. Write a précis of the following passage : (10)

There are books which are really no books at all, and to read them is mere waste of time; while there are others so bad that we cannot read them without great harm. It is no doubt good to be warned against temptations and dangers of life; but anything that familiarises us with evil is in itself an evil. So also, there are others which no one can read without being the better for them. By useful literature we do not mean only what will help a man in his business or profession. That is useful no doubt, but by no means the highest use of books. The best books raise us into a region of selfless thought where the troubles and anxieties of the world are almost forgotten.

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