

RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIDYAMANDIRA

(Residential Autonomous College affiliated to University of Calcutta)

FIRST YEAR [2017-20]

B.A./B.Sc. FIRST SEMESTER (July – December) 2017

Mid-Semester Examination, September 2017

Date : 14/09/2017

ENGLISH (General)

Time : 12 noon – 1 pm

Paper : I

Full Marks : 25

1. Comment on any two of the following passages: [2×5]
 - a) O, how shall summer's honey breath hold out
Against the wrackful siege of batt'ring days,
When rocks impregnable are not so stout,
Nor gates of steel so strong, but time decays?
 - b) The eye it cannot choose but see;
We cannot bid the ear be still;
Our bodies feel, where'er they be,
Against or with our will.
 - c) Books! 'tis a dull and endless strife;
Come, hear the woodland linnet –
How sweet his music! On my life,
There's more of wisdom in it.
2. Name and explain the figures of speech in any four of the following: [4×2]
 - a) The child shows the man as morning shows the day.
 - b) The camel is the ship of the desert.
 - c) But Patience, to prevent that murmur, soon replies.
 - d) Mischief, thou art afoot.
 - e) Alone, alone, all, all alone, / Alone on a wide, wide sea!
3. Fill in the blank spaces with the appropriate word and rewrite the sentences: [1×7]
 - a) Of particular concern (is/are) dengue and malaria, tropical diseases that get detected only after a proper blood test.
 - b) If an infant or a child (is/are) having difficulty breathing, seek medical attention immediately.
 - c) Facing problems in operating ATM (have/has) become very common in banks nowadays.
 - d) Our ability to make conscious mistakes is one of the things that (sets/set) us apart from computers.
 - e) Everyone participating in the Vidyamandira college sports performs at (their/his) own fitness level.
 - f) Either Anusree or Tanusree should receive first prize for (their/her) poem.
 - g) Anyone who travels outside India for the first time, (need/needs) to apply for a passport.