

RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIDYAMANDIRA

(Residential Autonomous College under University of Calcutta)

FIRST YEAR

B.A./B.SC. FIRST SEMESTER (July – December), 2012

Mid-Semester Examination, September 2012

Date : 10/09/2012

ENGLISH (Honours)

Time : 11 am – 1 pm

Paper : I

Full Marks : 50

1. Write a brief note on Anglo-Saxon Heroic poetry with reference to some poems that you have studied. (14)

2. Write a short note on any one of the following: (5)
Feudalism; The Black Death; The Peasants' Revolt.

3(a). Write an essay on Middle English Romances with reference to *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*. (14)

OR

3(b). Who were the Normans? What were the effects of the Norman Conquest on English Literature?

4. Answer any one of the following: (12)

(a) Write a note on Stress Shift and Consonant Shift.

(b) "To the Danes and Northmen the English vocabulary owes a great deal". Discuss the validity of the statement with suitable examples of Scandinavian loan words in different fields.

5. Answer any one of the following: (5)

(a) Write a note on Pre-Christian Latin loans.

(b) Write word notes on two of the words given below:
Dream, Window, Perfect, Adventure.