RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIDYAMANDIRA

(Residential Autonomous College under University of Calcutta)

THIRD YEAR B.A./B.SC. SIXTH SEMESTER (January – June) 2013 Mid-Semester Examination, March 2013

Date: 05/03/2013 ENGLISH (Honours)

Time: 12 noon – 2 pm Paper: VII Full Marks: 50

Word limit:

14 marks: 550 words

8 marks: 300 words

1. Answer **any one** of the following:

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- (a) What does Yeats plan to do to rejuvenate his creative self in 'An Acre of Grass'? Answer with close reference to the text.
- (b) Discuss the 'strange' elements that Owen incorporates in 'The Strange Meeting'.
- 2. Answer **any one** of the following:

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- (a) Show how the opening stage direction holds the key to our understanding of Jimmy's character.
- (b) "<u>Look Back in Anger</u> is a study in relationships." Justify the validity of the statement on the basis of your study of Act I of the play.
- 3. Answer **any one** of the following:

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- (a) Briefly analyse Poe's narrative technique in 'The Premature Burial'.
- (b) Comment on the use of symbolism in Joyce's 'Araby'.
- 4. Explain with reference to the context **any one** of the following lines:

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(a) Myself must I remake

Till I am Timon and Lear

Or that William Blake

- (b) You can talk, can't you? You can express an opinion. Or does the White Woman's Burden make it impossible to think?
- (c) Gazing up into the darkness I saw myself as a creature driven and derided by vanity; and my eyes burned with anguish and anger.