

RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIDYAMANDIRA

(Residential Autonomous College under University of Calcutta)

SECOND YEAR

B.A./B.Sc. FOURTH SEMESTER (January – June) 2015

Mid-Semester Examination, March 2015

Date : 18/03/2015

ENGLISH (Honours)

Time : 11 am – 1 pm

Paper : IV

Full Marks : 50

1. Write short notes on **any one** of the following:
Corn Laws, Chartist Movement, 'Alienation effect' of the Industrial Revolution. [6]
2. Answer **any one** of the following : [1×14]
 - a) 'Carlyle, Ruskin, and Arnold stirred the Victorian social conscience and obliged their contemporaries to face the contradictions within their civilization.' Discuss with reference to the writings of any two of the writers.
 - b) Can the Pre-Raphaelites be called 'late Romantics'? Give reasons for your answer.
3. Answer **any one** of the following : [1×14]
 - a) In Toru Dutt's poem, the casuarina tree becomes more a symbol than a tree. Discuss the validity of the statement with close reference to the text.
 - b) 'The myth of national identity, though enabling, is a majoritarian narrative that sustains itself by keeping minority communities on the fringes of the nation-state'. Argue with reference to the texts (fiction/non-fiction/films) that you have studied.
4. Are Alice's adventures in Wonderland only a child's fancy, or do they have a broader significance? [16]

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