

# RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIDYAMANDIRA

(Residential Autonomous College affiliated to University of Calcutta)

FIRST YEAR [BATCH 2015-18]

B.A./B.Sc. SECOND SEMESTER (January – June) 2016

Mid-Semester Examination, March 2016

Date : 17/03/2016

ENGLISH (Honours)

Time : 11 am – 1 pm

Paper : II

Full Marks : 50

1. Briefly comment on any one of the following: (8)
  - (a) All acts of reading are acts of interpretation.
  - (b) Ballad
  - (c) Blank Verse
2. Name and explain the figures of speech in the following: (8)
  - (a) Sweet are the uses of adversity,  
Which, like the toad, ugly and venomous,  
Wears yet a precious jewel in his head.
  - (b) All the world's a stage,  
And all the men and women merely players,  
They have their exits and their entrances.
3. (a) Discuss how the invention of the printing press in Europe revolutionized the dissemination of knowledge. (17)

**OR**

  - (b) Who were the early English humanists? How did they contribute to the development of the Renaissance in England?
4. Discuss Wyatt's treatment of love in the sonnet *Farewell love ...* (17)

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