

RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIDYAMANDIRA

Belur Math, Howrah – 711 202

ADMISSION TEST – 2014

ENGLISH (Honours)

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Full Marks : 40 (Group A: 20; Group B: 20)

Time : 01:30 p.m – 03:30 p.m

Name : _____ Reg No. _____

GROUP A

TICK THE CORRECT ANSWER

(The following marking system will be followed for answers to questions in Group A: **' +2' for each correct answer and '-1' for each wrong answer**)

I. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

The greatest thing that this age can be proud of is the birth of Man in the consciousness of men. In his drunken orgies of power and national pride man may flout and jeer at it. When organized national selfishness, racial antipathy and commercial self-seeking begin to display their ugly deformities in all their nakedness, then comes the time for man to know that his salvation is not in political organizations and extended trade relations, not in any mechanical re-arrangement of social system but in a deeper transformation of life, in the liberation of consciousness in love, in the realization of God in man.

1. In the phrase 'the birth of Man in the consciousness of men', Man stands for

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| a) noble human qualities | b) power and arrogance |
| c) an idealistic notion of the human self | d) egocentricity |

2. People jeer at the 'birth of Man' in the human consciousness when they

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| a) restructure the social system | b) become power hungry |
| c) begin to think of themselves as God | d) become mentally deranged |

3. In this passage, the phrase 'God in man' implies

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| a) God having assumed the shape of man | b) neither fully godly nor fully human |
| c) man being transformed into God | d) the divine qualities in man |

4. According to the author, 'salvation' of human beings lies in the

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| a) orgy of national pride | b) extended trade relations |
| c) spiritual transformation of life | d) whole-hearted participation in political organizations |

5. The author uses the expression 'ugly deformities' to show his indignation at

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| a) the liberation of human consciousness | b) selfishness and materialism of the people |
| c) the drunken orgies of power | d) political organizations |

II. Of the four alternatives given under each sentence, find the one that best fits into the blank space.

1. This is the ----- chosen for the shopping complex to be built next year.

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| a) area | b) locality | c) site | d) sight |
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2. In these days of inflation, the cost of consumer goods is -----

- a) ascending b) climbing c) soaring d) raising

3. The manager tried hard to ----- his men to return to work before declaring a lockout.

- a) motivate b) encourage c) persuade d) permit

4. Sushil ----- the accident by sharply steering the car to the left, leaving the road for the oncoming lorry.

- a) avoided b) reverted c) averted d) diverted

5. If a speech is full of pompous words, it is -----.

- a) verbose b) bombastic c) grandiloquent d) grandiose

GROUP B

III. Express your views either for or against **any one** of the following statements in not more than 500 words:

- 1) The computer will soon replace the book.
- 2) The use of mobile phones has lowered active social life.
- 3) Money causes more harm than good.
- 4) Women must stay at home, not go out to work.
- 5) Only students weak in studies must take private tuitions.

SPACE FOR ANSWERING GROUP B
