

M.A. Examination, 2019
Semester-IV
English
Paper-M 4.2(Core)
(Literary Theory II)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 40

Answer *four* questions choosing at least **one** question from each of the groups.

Group-A

1. "With cultural rationalisation, the life world, once its traditional substance has been devalued, threatens rather to become impoverished." Discuss the significance of this comment with reference to "Modernity: An Unfinished Project".
2. How does Lyotard define the postmodern condition? Discuss with reference to the text included in your syllabus.

Group-B

3. The major contribution of Stanley Fish is that he conceives of reading as a collective act rather than an individual one. Do you agree? Justify.
4. Comment on Wolfgang Iser's notion of the 'constitutive blank'.

Group-C

5. (a) Comment critically on Virginia Woolf's use of the strategy of imagination as a tool of feminist rewriting of history.

Or

- (b) Would you consider Alice Walker's essay 'In Search of our Mothers' Gardens' as an instance of feminist intertextuality? Discuss.
 6. How does ecocriticism reconceptualize the relationship between woman and man? Elucidate.
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