

M.A. Examination, 2015

Semester-IV

English

Paper – IX (Core)

(Literary Theory-II)

(Regular and Back Candidates)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 40

Questions are of equal value.

Answer *any four* questions choosing *one* question from each of the **three groups**.

Group-A

1. Comment on the validity of the distinction between “Latent Orientalism” and “Manifest Orientalism” in Edward Said’s work.
2. “Language was the means of spiritual subjugation”. Discuss the significance of this comment from Ngugi wa Thiong’o’s essay with reference to the experience of growing up in colonized Kenya.

Group-B

3. (a) Is it possible to say that Habermas develops a rigorous account of modern thought, politics and culture in his essay ‘Modernity: An Unfinished Project’? Substantiate.

or

- (b) Comment on the significance of simulacra and simulacrum in Baudrillard’s essay.
4. How does Lyotard address the issue of the significance of ‘post’ in postmodernism in his essay ‘Defining the Postmodern’? Substantiate with reference to the text.

Group-C

5. Feminist poetics is integral to the feminist politics of Virginia Woolf’s *A Room of One’s Own*. Do you agree? Substantiate.
 6. Comment on Alice Walker’s essay ‘In Search of Our Mother’s Gardens’ as a significant Black feminist intervention in the discourse of feminist creativity.
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