

M.A. Examination, 2017
Semester-IV
English
Course – Core-IX
(Literary Theory-II)

(For Regular and Back Candidates)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 40

Questions are of equal value.

Answer *any four* questions choosing *at least one from each group*.

Group-A (Postcolonialism)

1. *Orientalism* is a beautiful example of the discursive traffic between postcolonialism and poststructuralism in the 1970s and after. How far would you agree? Substantiate.
2. Critically discuss how Césaire holds Europe responsible for the dehumanisation of the colony that furthered colonial interests.

Group-B (Postmodernism)

3. "... World-views have disintegrated and their traditional problems have been separated off under the perspectives of truth, normative rightness and authenticity or beauty." Comment critically.
4. Discuss after François Lyotard how 'language games' can be an effective strategy to counter the 'legitimizing' desire of the authorities in a post-industrial society.

Group-C (Feminism)

5. The narrative strategies in *A Room of One's Own* are integral to the feminist arguments of the text. How far would you agree? Substantiate.
 6. Comment on the politics of intertextuality in Alice Walker's essay "In Search of our Mothers' Gardens."
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