

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

(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

1. a) Marx's historical materialism can be traced to the 'Preface' to *A Contribution to the Critique of Political Economy*. Discuss. 10
or
b) "The bourgeois relations of production are the antagonistic form of the social process of production." Discuss. 10
2. Analyse myth functioning as memory in Raymond Williams' *The Country and the City*. 10

Group-B

3. According to Iser, what is the function of a 'constitutive blank' and how does one distinguish it from a 'vacancy'? 10
4. Comment critically on how Jauss attempts to ground literary history in methodology. 10

Group-C

5. How does the 'death of the author' in Barthes' writing exhibit the continuities and discontinuities between Structuralist and Poststructuralist notions of textuality? 10
 6. Discuss after Michel Foucault the features of 'author function' as a discourse. 10
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