

M. Phil. Examination, 2018
Semester-I
English
Course – II (Elective)
Theory of Fiction

Time : 3 Hours

Full Marks: 80

Questions are of equal value

Answer *any four* questions

1. Evaluate the contribution of Henry James, Virginia Woolf and Joseph Conrad to the development of a theory of fiction.
2. Discuss the relative importance of deep and surface narrative structures in the idea of narration in fiction.
3. Would you prefer to view a character as a person or as a construct? Justify your position.
4. Write a brief essay on **either** metafiction **or** magical realism with suitable examples from fiction.
5. a) The Graphic Novel is an art form by itself. Do you agree? Discuss.

Or

- b) Evaluate critically Bakhtin's ideas of epic and novel.
 6. Examine the Upanishadic concept of the subliminal with reference to at least two characters from fiction.
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