

**B.A. 6th Semester (Honours) Examination, 2023 (CBCS)****Subject : English****Course : DSE-3****(Literary Theory)****Time: 3 Hours****Full Marks: 60**

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.  
Candidates are required to give their answers in  
their own words as far as practicable.*

1. Answer *any ten* of the following questions: 2×10=20
- (a) Who is the author of the book, of *Grammatology*?
  - (b) What is the significance of the notion “hybridity” in Postcolonial theory?
  - (c) What does Spivak mean by the term “subaltern”?
  - (d) Define any two traits of Diasporic Literature.
  - (e) Briefly discuss Althusser’s definition of “ideological state apparatus”.
  - (f) Define precisely the concepts of “base” and “superstructure” in the light of Marxist literary criticism.
  - (g) What is “dialectics” according to Marxist theory?
  - (h) Mention one major difference between *langue* and *parole*.
  - (i) Write the names of three key-figures associated with Post-structuralism.
  - (j) Briefly define the term, “Simulacra” after Baudlaire.
  - (k) Who is the Post-structuralist philosopher associated with the concept of “difference”?
  - (l) Define the term “écriture féminine”.
  - (m) Who is the feminist critic known for her book *The Second Sex*?
  - (n) Explain the term “androgyny” in the context of feminist literary criticism?
  - (o) What is “Black Feminism”?
2. Answer *any four* of the following questions: 5×4=20
- (a) Write a short note on the notion of “ideology in the context of Marxist theory”.
  - (b) Write a note on the significance of the Frankfurt School in the development of Marxist literary thought.
  - (c) Discuss the concept of “binaries” in deconstruction.
  - (d) What are the distinctions between “sex” and “gender” in the context of feminist literary theory?
  - (e) Briefly elaborate on the concept of “patriarchy” in feminist literary criticism with examples from at least two literary works.
  - (f) Write briefly on Fanon’s idea of “neo-colonialism”.

3. Answer *any two* of the following questions:

10×2=20

- (a) Explain Jacques Derrida's concept of Deconstruction and its key principles.
  - (b) Discuss Edward Said's idea of "Orientalism" and its significance in the context of Postcolonial literary theory.
  - (c) Discuss the key principles of Marxist literary theory and their significance in analysing literature with examples from any text.
  - (d) How does Feminist literary theory examine the representation of gender, power and identity in literary texts? Provide examples to support your answer.
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