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MA 4th Sem. Examination, 2016

Subject : English

Paper : Literary and Critical Theory

Time: 3 hrs *Full marks: 80*

1. Answer any five questions from the following. 2×5=10
(each within 50 words)

   a Why is 'OPOYAZ' significant in the context of formalism?

   b State Saussure's contributions to the study of language.

   c What is an 'author', according to Michel Foucault?

   d Name the two important schools of Reader Response criticism and mention the names of the critics involved.

   e What do you understand by the term 'Ecriture Feminine'?

   f What is Edward Said's most significant contribution to post-colonial studies?

2. Answer any three questions from the following. 4×3=12
(each within 150 words)

   a Explain the term 'Subaltern' with reference to the critics associated with it.

   b In what ways would you like to call Virginia Woolf and Simone de Beauvoir feminist critics?

   c Explain the term 'deconstruction'.

   d What does Hans Robert Jauss state about the 'history of a work's reception'?

3. Answer any three questions from the following. 6×3=18
(each within 250 words)

   a Which are the three waves of 'Feminism'? How do they differ from each-other?