

U.G. 6th Semester Examination - 2024

ENGLISH

[HONOURS]

Discipline Specific Elective (DSE)

Course Code : ENG-H-DSE-T-4

Full Marks : 60

Time : 2½ Hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

Answer all the questions.

1. Answer any **ten** of the following questions:

2 × 10 = 20

- a) What are the two major superstructural 'levels'?
- b) What were the important ecclesiastical services?
- c) What is the consequence of the church becoming an integral part of the state?
- d) Who does not require a sword?
- e) What happens to an 'unchaste' man?
- f) Who, according to M.K. Gandhi, is the 'true warrior'?
- g) What is M.K. Gandhi's view of the ancient school system in India?

- b) What are Michel Foucault's comments on the notion of ideology and that of repression?
- c) How does Edward Said explain his proposition that Orientalist ideas took a number of different forms during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries?
- d) Analyse Louis Althusser's statements on the role and the functioning of the repressive state apparatus.
- e) Why does Aijaz Ahmad consider it necessary to treat Literary Study as a subdiscipline within a broader and integrated Historical and Cultural Studies?

- h) What is M.K.Gandhi's opinion about the English-speaking Indians?
- i) What, in the words of M.K.Gandhi, is a 'sign of slavery'?
- j) Why was Elaine Showalter happy with the new title of her book?
- k) Why did many young women graduate students in Elaine Showalter's generation feel drawn to the Victorian period?
- l) Why does Elaine Showalter consider the 1890s as a transitional period for women's writing?
- m) Mention any two novels published in 1894 as specimens of 'New Woman writing'.
- n) What is 'virility complex'?
- o) What is Luce Irigaray's comment on 'father-son relations'?
- p) What is the masculine pattern of behaviour adopted by the female homosexual?

2. Answer any **four** of the following questions. $5 \times 4 = 20$

- a) How does Elaine Showalter explicate the view that the 'best British women's writing of the 1890s is in the short story rather than in the novel'?

- b) What is Elaine Showalter's view of the contribution of Sandra Gilbert and Susan Gubar to feminist scholarship?
- c) What is Luce Irigaray's interpretation of 'female homosexuality'?
- d) 'History is really a record of every interruption of the even working of the force of love or of the soul'. Explain.
- e) Write a brief note on M. K. Gandhi's idea of passive resistance.
- f) 'I do not for one moment believe that my life would have been wasted, had I not received higher or lower education.' Why does M. K. Gandhi make such a remark?
- g) What is the system of education recommended by M. K. Gandhi for the Indians?
- h) What are the comments made by Antonio Gramsci on the act of distinguishing intellectuals from the non-intellectuals?
3. Answer any **two** of the following questions : $10 \times 2 = 20$
- a) How does Jacques Derrida respond to the observation that one can feel in every line written by him 'the intensity' of his passion for the French language?