

3. Answer any two of the following questions.

10×2=20

- a) 'They regarded it as a problem which was politically unimportant and epistemologically vulgar'. What, according to Michel Foucault, was regarded as 'politically unimportant and epistemologically vulgar'? Why was it interpreted in that way?
- b) 'Like Kafka, he [Jacques Derrida] is fascinated by the concept of the decision, in particular in so far as it necessarily entails an experience of the undecidable, the incalculable and unprogrammable, the un-fence-in-able.' Would you agree with the statement quoted above? Argue with reference to Derrida's text included in your syllabus.
- c) 'I have just given a rapid survey of the forms of the reproduction of the productive forces, i.e. of the means of production on the one hand, and of labour power on the other.' Critically comment on the 'rapid survey' offered by Louis Althusser.
- d) Write a note on Luce Irigaray's analysis of the inadequacies of a male-centric world.

U.G. 6th Semester Examination - 2023

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 is the proverb M. K. Gandhi mentions in his chapter on passive resistance?
- b) What does M. K. Gandhi refer to as 'a superstition and ungodly thing'?
- c) 'Why have I learned these things?' What are 'these things' mentioned in M. K. Gandhi's chapter titled 'Education'?
- d) Why does M. K. Gandhi describe the religious teachers as 'hypocritical and selfish'?
- e) Mention two of the 'senior scholars who became mentors and models' of Elaine Showalter.

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- f) Who helped Elaine Showalter in availing of an 'English Department fellowship'?
- g) Name two 'Renaissance Orientalists'.
- h) Mention two scholars who revealed the 'extraordinary riches of Avestan and Sanskrit'.
- i) What is hegemony?
- j) What, according to Gramsci, must form 'the basis of the new type of intellectual'?
- k) Define Civil Society.
- l) What, for Aijaz Ahmad, is the distinctive trait of Nehru's *Discovery of India*?
- m) Refer to one of the shortcomings of the canonizing procedures in the domain of Indian literary criticism, as pointed out by Aijaz Ahmad.
- n) Who edited the journal 'Turn-of-the Century Women'?
- o) What is the scope of William Jones's 'Objects of Enquiry During My Residence in Asia'?
- p) Why does Aijaz Ahmad consider it necessary to assemble the genealogies of narrative genres and their sociology?

2. Answer any **four** of the following questions. 5×4=20
- a) Why does M. K. Gandhi consider passive resistance as a technique 'superior to the force of arms'?
- b) Explain Professor Huxley's definition of education quoted by M. K. Gandhi.
- c) Write a brief note on the critical reception of *Literature of Their Own* in the 1980s.
- d) Summarize Edward Said's comments on the ideas and method of Henry Kissinger.
- e) What are the differences between the function of the urban intellectuals and that of the rural-type intellectuals?
- f) Justify Aijaz Ahmad's interrogation of the idea of literary criticism solely devoted to matters of linguistic and philological problems.
- g) What is Aijaz Ahmad's view on using English language for the knowledge of Indian literature?
- h) 'For such divisions are generalities whose use historically and actually has been to press the importance of the distinction between some men and some other men, usually towards not especially admirable ends.' Offer an analysis of Edward Said's above-mentioned observation.