

63/1 (SEM-5) DSE1/ENGHE5016

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ENGLISH

Paper : ENGHE5016

( Literary Theory )

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks  
for the questions*

1. Choose the correct answer from the following : 1×6=6

(a) Which one of the following is true of the traditional intellectuals according to Gramsci?

- (i) They are an autonomous and independent group
- (ii) They are opposed to the dominant or hegemonic culture
- (iii) They are subservient to the dominant culture
- (iv) They do not have historical connection with the ruling class

(b) *Ideology and Ideological State Apparatuses* is an essay by

- (i) Raymond Williams
- (ii) Karl Marx
- (iii) Louis Althusser
- (iv) Walter Benjamin

(c) Which one of the following was not said by Michel Foucault?

- (i) Truth is centred on the form of scientific discourse.
- (ii) Truth is subjected to constant economic and political demand.
- (iii) Truth is universal and has a solid foundation.
- (iv) Truth is the issue of a political debate and social confrontation.

(d) The original title given by Elaine Showalter for her book, *A Literature of Their Own* was

- (i) *A Room of One's Own*
- (ii) *The Female Tradition in the English Novel*
- (iii) *The Feminine Mystique*
- (iv) *Women & Power : A Manifesto*

(e) One of the British figures criticized by Edward Said in his book, *Orientalism* is

- (i) Margaret Thatcher
- (ii) Tony Blair
- (iii) Lord Arthur J. Balfour
- (iv) Nigel Paul Farage

(f) Which one of the following does not fall under passive resistance movement?

- (i) Hunger strikes
- (ii) Retaliations
- (iii) Boycotts
- (iv) Tax refusals

2. Answer the following questions :  $2 \times 5 = 10$

(a) What is the main difference between Ideological State Apparatus (ISA) and Repressive State Apparatus (RSA)?

(b) What is the fundamental difference between Elaine Showalter and Toril Moi?

(c) Give the basic definition of 'sign' from your reading of Derrida's essay.

(d) Is 'truth' a given phenomena or a mere system of power exercise?

(e) Is the method of passive resistance effective in all situations of oppression?

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3. Answer any six of the following questions :

5×6=30

- (a) Write a note on feminism.
- (b) What is the main function of education as an Ideological State Apparatus?
- (c) Explain Elaine Showalter's concept of gynocriticism.
- (d) Write a brief note on Gramsci's distinction between 'traditional intellectuals' and 'organic intellectuals'.
- (e) Who developed the term 'deconstruction'? Explain the concept of deconstruction.
- (f) Comment on Luce Irigaray's essay, *When the Goods Get Together*.
- (g) Write a note on Gramsci's view on the formation of intellectuals.
- (h) Discuss Foucault's philosophy of truth.
- (i) Write a note on Aijaz Ahmad's essay, *Indian Literature : Notes Towards the Definition of a Category*.

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4. Answer any two of the following questions :

10×2=20

- (a) How does Elaine Showalter respond to the criticism brought against her by the new generation of feminist literary critics? Elucidate.
- (b) Comment on the concept of Orientalism after Edward Said who sees it as a deliberate invention of the colonial West.
- (c) What is passive resistance? How does Gandhi explain its power and efficacy?

2+8=10

5. Answer any one of the following questions : 14

- (a) Comment on Gandhi's opposition to the introduction of Western system of education in India.
- (b) Foucault says 'truth is a thing of this world' and it is produced only by virtue of multiple forms of constraint. And there is a regular effect of power upon it. Each society has its regime of truth or the 'general politics' of truth. Discuss the relationship between truth and power.

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