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(Held in 2023)

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 : 2×5=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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