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CORE - EN010205 - THINKING THEORY

M A ENGLISH, M A ENGLISH (SF)

2019 Admission Onwards

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Time: 3 Hours

Weightage: 30

Part A (Short Answer Questions)

*Answer any **eight** questions.*

*Weight **1** each.*

1. Structuralism, in terms of Levi-Strauss.
2. 'There is no outside-of-text.' - Comment.
3. What is the idea of "Play", as developed by Derrida?
4. The Historicity of Structurality
5. What are Young's arguments on textual meaning?
6. In Foucault's view, how does the notion of *écriture* sustain privileged authorship?
7. What is the fundamental difference between Freudian and Lacanian psychoanalysis?
8. What does the interference of the spectre in Hamlet reveal to psychoanalysis?
9. Cultural Translation
10. According to bell-hooks, How does rap attempt to satisfy the longing for a particular group?

(8×1=8 weightage)

Part B (Short Essay/Problems)

*Answer any **six** questions.*

*Weight **2** each.*

11. "The natural woman is a cultural product." - Explain Jonathan Culler's observation.
12. What qualities does Levi-Strauss think are proper for structural analysis?
13. How does Post-Structuralism enable endless free play of a text?
14. What objection does Foucault have to shifting focus from the author to the 'works'?





15. Why is Oedipus at Colonus prioritized over Oedipus Rex (by Shoshanna Felman)?
16. For Kristeva, how is Aristotle different from Plato in his conception of Catharsis?
17. Examine Judith Halberstam's concerns regarding exploited populations.
18. Analyze Barbara Christian's views on Monolithism.

(6×2=12 weightage)

Part C (Essay Type Questions)

*Answer any **two** questions.*

Weight 5 each.

19. Contrary to the bricoleur, the engineer is the origin of his own discourse – which, as we now know, is impossible. It is, in fact, another myth.' – Explicate this Derridian statement.
20. What are the qualitative differences that you can trace out in the analysis of Oedipus Myth by Aristotle and Levi-Strauss?
21. According to Judith Halberstam, what has made queerness compelling as a form of self- description?
22. Discuss the relevance of Gramsci's contribution for the study of race and ethnicity.

(2×5=10 weightage)

