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Second Semester

Faculty of Language and Literature

Branch I : English

LEN 02 PC 10—THEORIES OF KNOWLEDGE

(2012 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Weight : 30

Part A

I. Answer any *five* of the following, each in a paragraph of about 50 words :

- 1 Explain what a literary theory is.
- 2 Elucidate how New Historicism looks at a work of art.
- 3 Explain what role Barthes assigns to the reader.
- 4 Examine why Bhabha suggests a need for rethinking cultural identity.
- 5 Comment on Abrams's observations on language.
- 6 Analyze Foucault's views on Genealogy.
- 7 Explain how Eagleton looks at theory.
- 8 Explain the term "Travelling theory."

(5 × 1 = 5)

Part B

II. Attempt a short note on any *five* of the following each in about 100 words :

- 9 Illustrate how Post-structuralism functions.
- 10 Examine how Bhabha distinguishes between "cultural difference" and "cultural diversity."
- 11 Discuss Miller's argument that univocal reading and deconstructive reading are complementary to each other.
- 12 Explain Lyotard's criticism of metanarratives.
- 13 Comment on Eagleton's argument for the need of fresh thinking.

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- 14 Discuss how Barthes repudiates the traditional views of “authorship” in “Death of the Author.”
- 15 Discuss how Foucault relates Genealogy to History.
- 16 Elucidate Royle’s notion of “the Uncanny.”

(5 × 2 = 10)

Part C

III. Answer *three* of the following each in about 300 words :

- 17 Elaborate on the trends and directions in the Post-Theory phase.
- 18 Examine how Derrida’s “Structure, Sign and Play in the Discourse of the Human Sciences” is a connecting point between Structuralism and Post-structuralism.
- 19 Explain how Abrams illustrates the flaws in the practice of deconstruction.
- 20 Discuss the influence and manifestation of the uncanny in literature.
- 21 Discuss why Foucault compares the practice of genealogy to archaeological method.
- 22 “It is one thing to make a revolution and another to sustain it.” - Elaborate on Eagleton’s statement.

(3 × 5 = 15)

