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**M. A. DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION - MARCH/APRIL 2019**

**SEMESTER 2 : ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE**

**COURSE : 16P2ENGT10 : THEORIES OF KNOWLEDGE**

*(For Regular - 2018 Admission and Supplementary - 2017/2016 Admissions)*

Time : Three Hours

Max. Marks: 75

**Section A**

**Write a short note on any 6 (3 marks each)**

1. Competence and performance
2. Paradigmatic and Syntagmatic order of language
3. What is difference?
4. Poems and their relation to earlier poems according to Hillis Miller
5. Logocentrism
6. What are the relationships between the legal system and the mechanisms of power?
7. What is meant by problematization according to Foucault?
8. What does Said mean by the travel of theory?
9. What does Eagleton mean by "the politics of amnesia"?

**(3 x 6 = 18)**

**Section B**

**Attempt a paragraph on any 5 (6 marks each)**

10. Spatial criticism
11. Claude Levi-Strauss
12. Write a note on the relationship of the narrative to a discourse.
13. Bricolage according to Derrida
14. What does Derrida mean by "Play?"
15. Sovereignty and bio-power according to Agamben
16. What according to Eagleton are the problems of Postmodernism?
17. Write a note on Lyotard's contribution to postmodern thinking and philosophy

**(6 x 5 = 30)**

**Section C**

**Attempt an essay on any 1 (12 marks each)**

18. Compare and contrast new historicism and cultural materialism
19. How does Hillis Miller challenge the humanist notion of a univocal reading of a text in his essay "Critic as Host"
20. What according to Foucault are the general features of the security apparatuses?

**(12 x 1 = 12)**

**Section D**

**Attempt an essay on any 1 (15 marks each)**

21. "Contemporary politics is the politics of life." Examine this statement with reference to the essays prescribed in the syllabus
22. The border between philosophy and theory is fast disappearing – Discuss
23. Trace the trajectory of the development of the concept of bio-power and bio-politics in the writings of Foucault and Agamben

**(15 x 1 = 15)**