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M. A. DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION - APRIL 2018
SEMESTER 2 : ENGLISH
COURSE : 16P2ENGT10 ; THEORIES OF KNOWLEDGE
(Common for Regular - 2017 Admission & Supplementary - 2016 Admission)

Time : Three Hours

Max. Marks: 75

Section A
Answer any 6 (3 marks each)

1. Binaries
2. Totalization
3. Metaphysics of presence
4. Poems and their relation to earlier poems according to Hillis Miller
5. Logocentrism
6. Write a note on the Foucauldian understanding of Power?
7. What is the relationship between bios and Zoe?
8. What are the relationships between the world, the text and the critic according to Said?
9. What does Eagleton mean by "the politics of amnesia"?

(3 x 6 = 18)

Section B
Answer any 5 (6 marks each)

10. Spatial criticism
11. Rhetoric
12. Miller's reading of the poem "The Triumph of Life"
13. How does Derrida destabilize the concept of centre?
14. Sovereignty and bio-power according to Agamben
15. Why does Foucault consider disciplinary mechanisms as mechanisms of bio-power?
16. What according to Eagleton are the problems of Postmodernism?
17. How does Said use the example of Lukacs to establish the idea that theories travel?

(6 x 5 = 30)

Section C
Answer any 1 (12 marks each)

18. What is structuralism? Discuss the strategies of structuralism with special reference to Barthes' essay
19. Critically evaluate Derrida's arguments in his essay "Structure, Sign and Play in the Discourse of Human Sciences"
20. What according to Foucault are the general features of the security apparatuses?

(12 x 1 = 12)

Section D
Answer any 1 (15 marks each)

21. Write a critical evaluation of the major principles of New Historicism and Cultural Materialism

answer with reference to the essays prescribed

23. Examine the trajectory of Metanarratives in Theory with reference to Foucault, Derrida and Lyotard

(15 x 1 = 15)