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M. A. DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION - MARCH 2018 SEMESTER 4: ENGLISH

COURSE: 16P4ENGT21EL; UNDERSTANDING CINEMA: FILM THEORY

(For Regular - 2016 admission)

Time: Three Hours Max. Marks: 75

Section A Answer any 6 (3 marks each)

- 1. Diegesis
- 2. Phallocentrism
- 3. Define Montage
- 4. Vittorio De Sica as a realist filmmaker
- 5. Amitabh Bachchan as a star in Indian Cinema
- 6. Elucidate Ratnam's choice of an excerpt from Bharathiyar's lyrics as the title of his film.
- 7. Examine Mirch Masala as a feminist film.
- 8. Seema Biswas and female stardom in Indian cinema
- 9. songs in Mazha

 $(3 \times 6 = 18)$

Section B Answer any 5 (6 marks each)

- 10. Editing
- 11. Why is it that men tend not to be exhibited as scopophilic objects in the cinema?
- 12. Montage in Soviet Cinema
- 13. Is Battleship Potemkin art or propaganda?
- 14. Comment on Godard's breaking with the tradition of narrative transitivity
- 15. What are the dangers in rejecting a sociological analysis of women in cinema?
- 16. "The difference between Madhavikutty's story and Rajendran's film is that between love and marriage". Comment
- 17. Discuss how films deal with the question of time?

 $(6 \times 5 = 30)$

Section C Answer any 1 (12 marks each)

- "It has often been pointed out that in recent years, cinema has become self conscious".
 Comment
- 19. Make a comparative analysis of the depiction of women in Bollywood films with reference to *Mohra, Mother India and Mirch Masala*?
- 20. How does the film *The Remains of the Day* problematize the conventional wisdom that only

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 $(12 \times 1 = 12)$

Section D Answer any 1 (15 marks each)

- 21. Attempt an essay on the conflict of macho-masculine male vs submissive female in Malayalam Cinema
- 22. Attempt a feminst reading of the film *Pulimurugan*
- 23. Comment on the representation of women in the prescribed films

 $(15 \times 1 = 15)$