

U.G. 6th Semester Examination - 2022**ENGLISH****[HONOURS]****Discipline Specific Elective (DSE)****Course Code : ENG-H-DSE-T-4**

Full Marks : 60

Time : 2½ Hours

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.
Candidates are required to give their answers in
their own words as far as practicable.*

Answer all the questions.1. Answer any **ten** of the following questions:

2×10=20

- a) Who were the 'closest companions' of Elaine Showalter?
- b) What is Elaine Showalter's view of *The Madwoman in the Attic*?
- c) What was the 'rule' in the historical development of Orientalism as an academic discipline?
- d) What does Edward Said mean by a 'second-order knowledge' produced by the power and scope of Orientalism?

- e) What is the consequence of the struggle between civil society and political society in a specific historical period?
- f) When did the crisis of feudalism begin?
- g) Why can we not speak of non-intellectuals?
- h) What, according to Antonio Gramsci, are the two major superstructural levels?
- i) What is the subtitle of Humphrey Prideaux's biography of Mohammed?
- j) What does Aijaz Ahmed say about a critic's engagement with the oral-performative dimension of a text?
- k) Why does M. K. Gandhi describe the 'soul-force' as 'natural'?
- l) Whom does M. K. Gandhi compare to a 'blind horse' and why?
- m) What is M. K. Gandhi's opinion of the study of Geography, Astronomy, Algebra and Geometry?
- n) What is M. K. Gandhi's view of the English-knowing Indians?
- o) Why is Aijaz Ahmed interested in the history of the use of English language in India, not as it evolved in Britain or North America?

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p) What is Aijaz Ahmed's comment on the scholarly achievement of Sisir Kumar Das?

2. Answer any **four** questions: $5 \times 4 = 20$

a) Briefly describe how *A Literature of Their Own* was criticized by a new generation of feminist literary critics in 1990s.

b) 'This vision in a sense created and then served the two worlds thus conceived.'— What is meant by 'this vision'? How were the 'two worlds' conceived?

c) What is the implication of Edward Said's observation that the Orient is a 'theatrical stage affixed to Europe'?

d) 'In the modern world the category of intellectuals, understood in this sense, has undergone an unprecedented expansion.' – Elucidate.

e) What does Antonio Gramsci say about the intellectuals of the 'rural type'?

f) Why is Aijaz Ahmed dissatisfied with the cultivation of a transhistorical Indianness that defines the patterns of research on literary studies?

g) What is the significance of locating 'systematic periodization of multiple linguistic overlaps' in the 'theorization' of Indian literature?

h) Would you like to agree to M. K. Gandhi's view that only a frightened person needs weapon? Argue.

3. Answer any **two**: $10 \times 2 = 20$

a) 'The ideology of the ruling class does not become the ruling ideology by the grace of God, nor even by virtue of the seizure of State Power alone.' What does this statement imply?

b) How does Luce Irigaray respond to Sigmund Freud's views on homosexuality?

c) Explain the 'three-fold specificity' of an intellectual. How does Michael Foucault view 'the specificity of the politics of truth in our societies'?

d) How does Jacques Derrida call into question the very idea of a stable center?
