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School of Liberal Education

Master of Arts in English

Mid Term Examination - May 2024

Duration : 90 Minutes

Max Marks : 50

Sem II - K1PO203T - Critical Approaches-II Modern Critical TheoriesGeneral Instructions*Answer to the specific question asked**Draw neat, labelled diagrams wherever necessary**Approved data hand books are allowed subject to verification by the Invigilator*

- 1) Explain the relationship between the signifier and the signified in Saussure's theory of language. K2 (2)
- 2) Name and explain three key concepts discussed by Eagleton in the essay "Capitalism, Modernism and Postmodernism". K1 (3)
- 3) How does Derrida problematize the notion of the "center" in structuralist thought? K2 (4)
- 4) Summarize Eagleton's critique of postmodernism as discussed in "Capitalism, Modernism, and Postmodernism". K2 (6)
- 5) Illustrate how the relationship between the signifier and signified change in different linguistic contexts? K3 (6)
- 6) Outline sign theory of language as propounded by Saussure highlighting its specific feature. K3 (9)
- 7) Analyse the idea of Class struggle. K4 (8)
- 8) Compare and contrast Saussure's theory of the linguistic sign with other theories of language representation. K4 (12)

OR

- Analyze prescribed essay of Derrida, highlighting the key points of his argument. K4 (12)