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Subject: ENG 511- Literary Theory

FM:60

Level/program: Master (M.A)

Semester: I

Time: 3 Hours

PM: 30

Candidates are required to answer the questions in their own words as far as practicable.

Attempt ALL of the following Very Short Answer Questions.

10x1=10

1. Define mimetic theory.
2. What is 'Suffragist movement'?
3. How do you differentiate 'Progressive literature' from 'Bourgeois literature'?
4. How does Lyotard define postmodern condition? State in a couple of sentences.
5. Write the crux of V. Propp's essay "Morphology of the Folktale" in a couple of sentences.
6. How does Jakobson's 'metaphoric pole' correspond to Saussure's 'axis of selection'?
7. Define 'mode of production' and 'means of production' based on Marxist point of view.
8. What does 'Ethnic Studies' mean?
9. How is rationalism different than empiricism?
10. What message does John Fiske give through "Television Culture"?

Attempt any THREE of the Following Short Questions.

3x8=24

11. Briefly discuss Hegel's concept of 'dialectical idealism' and Marx's concept of 'dialectical materialism'.
12. Explain, in short, Edward Said's definition of Orientalism and its different dimensions.
13. How does Mikhail Bakhtin declare novel as the hero of literary genre? Discuss in reference to "Discourse in the Novel."
14. Derrida's 'différance' is a deconstructive strategy that is brought to revisit the Saussurean linguistics and rupture the binary opposition prevalent in the Western metaphysics. Elaborate the statement.

Attempt any TWO of the Following Long Questions.

2x13 =26

15. Habitualization devours work, clothes, furniture, one's wife, and the fear of war." Do you agree to Shklovsky's view of extreme habitualism? Elaborate his concept of defamiliarization as a special technique of art.
16. In her popular text *The Second Sex*, Simon de Beauvoir argues that patriarchal society not only creates female essence even before her real birth but also treats a female as the second sex. Critically evaluate the case linking it with the general picture of patriarchal Nepali society.
17. How does Sigmund Freud analyze human psyche as id, ego and superego? In what sense does he take literature and dream as the world of wish fulfillment? Discuss.