

2018

M. Phil.

1st Semester Examination

ENGLISH

PAPER—ENG-112

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 Hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.

1. Answer any two questions : 2×14

(a) (i) Explain, after Freud, the role of the ego in the protection of the self from civilization discontent.

Or

(ii) The combination of signified and signifier, according to Saussure, is a positive fact. Discuss.

(Turn Over)

- (b) (i) Write a critical essay on Foucault's idea of 'author-function' in his essay, 'What is an Author' ?

Or

- (ii) Show how Barthes establishes that the text is 'plural'.

- (c) (i) Explain how Derrida complicates the relationship between methodology and ontology in *structure, sign and play....*

Or

- (ii) Explain the 'Afterward' to Said's *Orientalism* as a rejection of both "insouciant nativism and militant militarism of the nationalist consensus".

2. Comment on the following :

3x4

- (a) (i) Two ways in which civilizational laws create discontent in man.

Or

- (ii) "Language is a form, not a substance".

- (b) (i) "The author is the principle of thrift in the proliferation of meaning."

Or

- (ii) "As for the text, it reads without the inscription of the Father".
- (c) (i) Derrida's concept of 'bricolage'.

Or

- (ii) Said's reaction to the reception of *Orientalism* in the Arabic world.
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