M.Phil 1st Semester Examination, 2019

ENGLISH

PAPER -ENG-113

Full Marks: 40

Time: 2 hours

Answer all questions

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate 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:

 14×2

(a) (i) What, according to Deleuze and Guattari, are the major characteristics of a minor literature? Discuss with reference to the essay, "What is a Minor Literature?"

Or

- (ii) Comment on Baudrillard's reference to the three orders of simulacra in his essay "Simulacra and Science Fiction" with suitable examples.
- (b) (i) What does Lyotard say about Kantian theme of the sublime in "Answering the Question: What is the postmodern?"

Or

- (ii) How does Haraway criticize the traditional notions of feminism? Illustrate with reference to her essay "A Cyborg Manifesto".
- (c) (i) Discuss some of the significant differences between the high-modernist and postmodernist moment as mentioned by Jameson in "Postmodernism, or the Cultural Logic of Late Capitalism".

Or

- (ii) Is it possible to relate Badious' notion of the 'event' with the notion of Lacan's 'Real'? Discuss.
- 2. Comment on any three of the following: 4×3
 - (a) (i) Tetralinguistic model of Henri Gobard.

Or

- (ii) "It is hyperreal. It is a universe of simulation, which is something altogether different."
- (b) (i) "Postmodernism thus understood is not modernism at its end but in the nascent state."

Or

(ii) "I would rather be a cyborg than a goddess."

(c) (i) What does Jameson say about Ernest Mandel's outline of three quantum leaps in the evolution of machinery under capital?

Or

(ii) Event as a political incident.