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Second Semester

Faculty of Language and Literature

Branch I—English

LEN 02 PC 10—THEORIES OF KNOWLEDGE

(2012 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Weight : 30

Part A

I. Answer any *five* of the following, each in a *paragraph* of about 50 words :

- 1 Write a note on the scope of New Historicism.
- 2 Explain how Post-structuralism functions.
- 3 Explain Barthes's "interpretive tyranny."
- 4 Analyze Bhabha's views on culture as a strategy.
- 5 Explain "postmodern condition."
- 6 Analyze Foucault's views on the unreliability of truth.
- 7 Explain the "uncanny" with an example.
- 8 Explain what Eagleton implies by "amnesia."

(5 × 1 = 5)

Part B

II. Attempt a short note on any *five* of the following each in about 100 words :

- 9 Explain how New Historicism views literature.
- 10 Trace the influence of Nietzsche on Foucault.
- 11 Examine Bhabha's views on postcolonial theory.
- 12 Consider Hillis Miller a defender of deconstruction.
- 13 "A text's unity lies not in its origin, but in its destination." Explain.

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- 14 Trace the influence of Nihilism on Foucault.
- 15 Explain what Lyotard describes as the postmodern condition.
- 16 Explain how, according to Said, a theory can be misread.

(5 × 2 = 10)

Part C

III. Attempt an essay on any *three* of the following each in about 300 words :

- 17 Account for the emergence divergent theories in the second half of the twentieth century.
- 18 Examine Bhabha's views on the relationship between theory and politics.
- 19 Contrast Abrams's views on deconstruction with those of Miller.
- 20 Explain Abrams's views on meaning with reference to "The Deconstructive Angel."
- 21 Discuss how Foucault likens the practice of genealogy to archaeological method.
- 22 Discuss how Eagleton sensitizes about the need for fresh thinking by the theorists.

(3 × 5 = 15)

