



PBV-1601070102030900 Seat No. _____

M. A. (English) (Sem. III) (CBCS) Examination

December - 2018

**Literary Theories in the Second
Half of the 20th Century**

Time : $2\frac{1}{2}$ Hours]

[Total Marks : 70

- Instructions :** (1) Attempt all questions.
(2) Mention your options clearly.
(3) All questions carry equal marks (14).
(4) Answers of question no. 1 to 4 should be written in at least 1000 words and question no. 5 in at least 500 words.

- 1 (a) Why does a Marxist critic examine the relation of a literary text (product) to the actual economic and social reality of its time and place? How?

OR

- (b) How did Karl Marx represent ideology as a 'superstructure' of which the contemporary socioeconomic system is the 'base'?

- 2 (a) Who were the pioneers of Structuralism? What was their proposition?

OR

- (b) Explain the statement: The 'search for the underlying patterns of thought in all forms of human activity' is a fundamental endeavour of Structuralists.

- 3 Attempt an essay in about 1000 words on **either** :

- (a) The Deconstructive procedure of critiquing and inverting binary oppositions.
(b) An inter-disciplinary approach is a prerequisite for Deconstruction of a literary text.

- 4 (a) What is the relationship between phenomena, noumena, and a literary text?

OR

- (b) Why is the reader considered as the most important agency in the Readers' Response Theory?

- 5 Write short notes : (any **two**)

- (1) A "bourgeois" literary work.
 - (2) Langue, Parole, and Literature.
 - (3) Logos and Logocentricism.
 - (4) Cogito.
-