

**Ph.D. ENTRANCE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2021****ENGLISH**

Time : Two Hours

Maximum : 100 Marks

I. Answer any *two* of the following questions in *four to five* pages :

- 1 Describe the concept of alternative modernity.
- 2 What is the perspective offered by intersectional feminism ?
- 3 What is Posthumanism ?
- 4 How does post structuralism differ from structuralism ?
- 5 What are the major features of the Enlightenment discourse ?
- 6 Comment on the features of postmodernism found in Malayalam literature ?
- 7 Should British literature be the major focus in Literature classrooms in Kerala ?
- 8 Do you think this is a 'post -truth' era ?
- 9 Briefly describe the Queer perspective in literature.
- 10 Evaluate the impact of one of the following on literature or culture :
  - a) Post modernism.
  - b) Memory studies.
  - c) Posthumanism.
  - d) Bio-power.
  - e) Psychoanalysis.
  - f) Archetypal literary criticism.
  - g) Ecocriticism.
  - h) Globalization.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)

**Turn over**

II. Write short notes on any *five* of the following :

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| a) Reader response theory. | b) Frankfurt School.          |
| c) Medical humanities.     | d) Cultural Capital.          |
| e) Epic theatre.           | f) Narratology.               |
| g) Movement Poetry.        | h) Objective correlative.     |
| i) Orientalism.            | j) Cultural hybridity.        |
| k) Types of Translation.   | l) The Theatre of the Absurd. |

(5 × 4 = 20 marks)

III. Explain the following in a sentence or two :

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| a) Transhumanism.              | b) Enjambment.         |
| c) Cannibalism in translation. | d) Gothic fiction.     |
| e) Skopos theory.              | f) Miracle plays.      |
| g) Interstitial fiction.       | h) Black comedy.       |
| i) Personification.            | j) Interior Monologue. |
| k) Speculative fiction.        | l) Beta reader.        |

(12 × 2 = 24 marks)

IV. Fill in the blanks with appropriate word/s :

- 1 Literary geography is the study of literary works \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 The Nobel Prize for literature in 2020 was awarded to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 Dispositif is a term used by Michel Foucault, to refer \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 A hypothesis is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 The newly coined lexical units or existing lexical units that acquire new sense in a language are called as \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 Hegemony designates a type of domination based on \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 Homo Sacer is a term used by Agamben to denote \_\_\_\_\_.

- 8 The main objective of research is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9 A \_\_\_\_\_ is one who loves books.
- 10 According to Deconstruction language is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 11 'Estrangement' or 'defamiliarization' is a central concept in \_\_\_\_\_.
- 12 *Traduttore traditore* means \_\_\_\_\_.
- 13 Interstitial fiction is also called \_\_\_\_\_.
- 14 Naturalism emphasizes \_\_\_\_\_.

(14 × 1 = 14 marks)

V. Mention the authors of the following works :

- a) *The Unwomanly Face of War : An Oral History of Women in World War II.*
- b) *Kafka : Toward a Minor Literature.*
- c) *The Remains of the Day.*
- d) *The Moor's Last Sigh.*
- e) *Homo Deus.*
- f) *An Equal Music.*
- g) *A Beautiful Mind.*
- h) *Living in the End Times.*
- i) *Precarious Life.*
- j) *The Birth of the Clinic.*
- k) *The Companion Species Manifesto Dogs, People and Significant Otherness.*
- l) *Down to Earth : Politics in the New Climatic Regime.*

(12 × 1 = 12 marks)