

2023
SRCMUJ
3rd Semester Examination
M.A.
ENGLISH
ENG-303
Literary Theory and Criticism-II

Full Marks: 40

Time: 2 Hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks. Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

- 1. Comment on any *two* of the following questions** **5×2**
 - a) The major defining characteristics of Cultural Materialism.
 - b) The imaginary creation of Shakespeare's sister in Virginia Woolf's *A Room of One's Own*.
 - c) Foucauldian concept of 'Discourse'.
 - d) The notion of the resistance to 'grand narratives' in Jean-François Lyotard's seminal work *The Postmodern Condition*.

- 2. Answer any *three* of the following questions** **10×3**
 - a) What is Cultural Materialism? Briefly differentiate New Historicism and Cultural Materialism.
 - b) Justify the significance of the title of Virginia Woolf's *A Room of One's Own*.
 - c) How does Michel Foucault challenge the traditional notions of authorship in his essay "What is an Author?" Discuss.
 - d) Comment on the terms: i) Hybridity ii) Sign.
 - e) Briefly discuss Jean Baudrillard's concept of 'Hyperreality' in his book *Simulacra and Simulation* and show how it challenges traditional notions of reality.