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B.A. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2015

First Semester

Core Course-METHODOLOGY OF HUMANITIES AND LITERATURE

(Common Core Course for all B.A. English Programmes)

[2013 Admission onwards]

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 80 Marks

Part A

Answer all questions in this part each in not more than two or three sentences.

Each question carries 1 mark.

- 1. What is narrative imagination?
- 2. What is value-freedom?
- 3. What is langue?
- 4. What is Diegesis?
- 5. What is semic code?
- 6. What is chartist agitation?
- 7. What is sanskritization?
- 8. What is hegemony?
- 9. What is discourse?
- 10. What is Dharmashastra?

 $(10 \times 1 = 10)$

Part B

Answer any eight of the following questions, each in about 50 words.

Each question carries 2 marks.

- 11. What is anti-essentialism?
- 12. What is architextuality?
- 13. What is Maxist theory?
- 14. How can social sciences be called scientific?
- 15. Write a short note on the rise of English studies.
- 16. What is Liberal Humanism?

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- 17. What were the contributions of F.R. Leavis to the study of English?
- 18. How do scientists approach gender difference?
- 19. Comment on the way religious construct the male and female selves.
- 20. What role does Rinner attribute to narration in confessions and psycho analyses?
- 21. How does Rinner distinguish between instrumental and cyclic narration?
- 22. What are Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's contributions to the upliftment of the untouchables?

 $(8 \times 2 = 16)$

Part C

Answer any six of the following in about 150 words. Each question carries 4 marks.

- 23. What is mimesis?
- 24. What is metatextuality?
- 25. Discuss the shifting nature of identity and how it influences language.
- 26. What is multilingualism?
- 27. What needs to be done, according to Ngugi, to 'decolonize the mind'?
- 28. What is post colonizalism?
- 29. How does literature explain the life of people?
- 30. Analyse the varied positions on the term 'literature'.
- 31. What are the changing roles of the 'father' in Indian Society?

 $(6 \times 4 = 24)$

Part D

Answer any two of the following, each in about 300 words.

Each question carries 15 marks.

- 32. Discuss the inter relationship of literature, culture and society.
- 33. Discuss the question of Agency in language.
- Discuss the rise of English studies.
- 35. Write an essay on the web of family life in Indian society.

 $(2 \times 15 = 30)$