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B.A. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2014

First Semester

B.A.-English

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 the questions, in not more than two/three sentences.

- 1. What allows facts to be tested in terms of the existing methods of science?
- 2. Define Subjectivity.
- 3. Who is a heterodiegetic-intradiegetic narrator?
- 4. Define architextuality.
- 5. Define "narrative" mode of thinking.
- 6. What is meant by "habitualization"?
- 7. How can we develop codes of perception?
- 8. What is considered the hallmark of a scientific exercise?
- 9. Define "pro-airetic code".
- Which are the two components of language, according to Saussure.

 $(10 \times 1 = 10)$

Part B

Answer any eight of the following questions, in three/four sentences.

- 11. How does the question of sexual difference haunt science, as given in "God Made you Different," Nature Made us different"?
- 12. How are humanities disciplines different from natural sciences?
- 13. Explain 'Symbolic code".
- 14. What is the difference between the "real author" and the "implied author".
- 15. What is the debate about the linguistic legacy of colonialism?

Turn over

- 16. What is the anti-essentialist view of identity?
- 17. How are language and history related?
- 18. What is Althusser's observation about ideology?
- 19. How did "autobiography" mark a major shift in the self assessment of the Dalit writers ?
- 20. What is meant by "cyclic narration"?
- 21. How does the Indian family operate as a cultural apparatus?
- 22. How does Peter Barry define the purpose of literature?

 $(8 \times 2 = 16)$

Part C

Answer any six of the following in a short paragraph.

- 23. How does Rinner explain "instrumental narration"?
- 24. What are the distinctive features of digital literature?
- 25. Write a note on the shifting nature of identity and how it influences language.
- 26. What is Durkheim's contribution to sociology?
- 27. How does Peter Barry estimate F-R- Leavis as a critic?
- 28. How does authority play an important part in Indian culture?
- 29. What role does Rinner attribute to narration in confessions and psychoanalyses?
- 30. What does the author mean by the title "God Made You Different, Nature Made us Different".
- 31. Write a note on the emergence of Dalit literature.

 $(6 \times 4 = 24)$

Part D

Answer any two of the following in essay form in about 300 words.

- 32. Summarise Kakar's arguments on the values that govern Indian life.
- G.N. Devy's essay engages with the question of caste as marginality, a unique paradigm of Indian social reformation". Discuss.
- 34. Write an essay on the concept of textuality in narratives with special reference to the ideas of Roland Barthes.
- 35. Comment on the relationship between language, culture and subjectivity.

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