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Second Semester M.A. Degree (C.B.C.S.S. – OBE – Reg./Supple./Imp.)

Examination, April 2026

(2024 Admissions Onwards)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

MAENG02C08 : Critical Theory

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

PART – A

Answer any 5 of the following in 80 words.

(5×4=20)

1. Explain the term transcendental signified in Derridean theory.
2. What is meant by discourse in Foucault ?
3. Describe the concept of diaspora in postcolonial studies.
4. What is meant by symbolic violence as proposed by Pierre Bourdieu ?
5. Briefly describe collective memory in cultural studies.
6. What do the Real, the Imaginary, and the Symbolic signify in Lacanian psychoanalysis ?

PART – B

Answer any 3 of the following in 150 words.

(3×8=24)

7. Examine how Derrida destabilizes the idea of a fixed centre in "Structure, Sign and Play".
8. Analyse how ideology sustains class domination in Marxist theory.
9. Discuss how hybridity challenges fixed cultural identities in postcolonial theory.
10. Analyse the concept of gender as performance in contemporary feminist theory.
11. Discuss the role of space and place in influencing literary representation.

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PART – C

Answer any 3 of the following in 300 words.

(3×12=36)

12. Analyse how Foucault conceptualizes the relationship between discourse and power in "The Order of Discourse."
13. Critically analyse Zizek's argument that present global conditions demand a rethinking of revolutionary politics.
14. Analyse how Butler problematises the idea of identity in feminist politics.
15. Critically analyse Hayles' argument about the disembodiment of information in posthuman thought.
16. Analyse the significance of interdisciplinarity in Westphal's method of geocriticism.