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IV Semester M.A. Degree (CBCSS – OBE – Regular/Supple./Imp.)
Examination, April 2026
(2023 Admission Onwards)
PHILOSOPHY

MAPHL04C14 : Language and Philosophy – 2

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

PART – A

Answer **any five** questions. **Each** question carries **three** marks.

1. Give an example of master signifier in politics.
2. Define a syntagmatic relation.
3. Describe the role of family as an ISA.
4. "Every sign carries traces of other signs." Comment.
5. What does Habermas mean by instrumental reason?
6. What role do norms play in controlling individuals according to Foucault? (5×3=15)

PART – B

Answer **any three** questions. **Each** question carries **six** marks.

7. Discuss the differences between signifier and signified in Saussure's theory.
8. Describe the Mirror Stage as a moment of alienation and explain how it shapes the subject's sense of self.
9. Analyze how minoritisation challenges dominant cultural and linguistic structures.

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10. Discuss the relationship between speech and writing in Derrida's theory of logocentrism.
11. Explain how does "truth" function in Badiou's theory of the subject. (3×6=18)

PART – C

Answer **any three** questions. **Each** question carries **nine** marks.

12. Critically examine Althusser's concept of interpellation and its role in ideology.
13. Explain Habermas's concept of communicative reason.
14. Discuss the influence of deconstruction on contemporary literary criticism.
15. Evaluate the relevance of Butler's performativity in contemporary debates on identity.
16. Explain the aims of Foucault's archaeological method in studying history. (3×9=27)

