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Name of the paper: **English DCE: LITERARY THEORY**

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Marks: **75**

Time limit: 3+1 (one hour reserved for downloading of question paper, scanning and uploading of answer sheets)

*Students will attempt any **THREE** questions.*

All questions carry equal marks. Answers to be written in 750-1000 words.

Q 1. According to Aijaz Ahmad, what are some of the institutional, historical and linguistic difficulties in assuming that Indian literature is an always already existent category?

Q 2. “Passive resistance is an all-sided sword; it can be used anyhow; it blesses him who uses it and him against whom it is used”. Write a critical note on Gandhi’s theory of passive resistance in the light of the above line from *Hind Swaraj*.

Q 3. “All men are intellectuals, one could therefore say: but not all men have in society the function of intellectuals.” Elaborate, with special reference to the distinction Gramsci makes between traditional and organic intellectuals.

Q 4. How does Foucault conceive of the relationship between truth, power and the position of the intellectual in society?

Q 5. How, according to Irigaray, does “female homosexuality” usually get interpreted

and/or contained within a phallogentric sexual economy?

Q 6. According to Derrida, Levi-Strauss's study of myths never shies away from self-criticism and frequently declares the limits of its own analytic project. However, "one nonetheless perceives in his work a sort of ethic of presence, an ethic of nostalgia for origins." Discuss.



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