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

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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 no less perceives in his work a sort of ethic of presence, an ethic of nostalgia for origins." Discuss.

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