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**M.A. IN WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES
(MAWGS)**

Term-End Examination

June, 2016

MWG-007 : POST MODERNISM AND GENDER

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : *Attempt any five questions. All questions carry equal marks.*

1. What is 'Structuralism' ? Explain with specific references to the contributions of Ferdinand de Saussure and Claude Levi Strauss. 20
2. How does Luce Irigaray's notion of "Labial economy" engage with psychoanalytic theory ? Discuss. 20
3. Discuss the distinguishing features of multicultural feminism, womanism and third world feminism, showing how these differ from western mainstream feminism. 20
4. What do you understand by 'social constructionism versus essentialist feminism' ? Which position do you agree with and why ? Explain with the help of examples. 20
5. "Gender is a useful category for historical analysis." Explain this statement with the help of examples from literary works. 20

6. Analyse the short story "Erendira" by Gabriel Garcia Marquez from a postmodern feminist perspective. 20
7. Discuss the relationship between sexuality, power and the subject with the help of examples from literary texts or by writing and discussing a poem of your own from this perspective. 20
8. Write short notes on any four : 4x5=20
- (a) Ms. en abyme
 - (b) Writing Difference
 - (c) Roland Barthes and Myth
 - (d) Derrida's notion of 'bricolage'
 - (e) Splintered Masculinity
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