

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

Term-End Examination

December, 2017

MWG-007 : POST MODERNISM AND GENDER

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

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

1. Explain, in your own words, the basic concepts of Semiotics and Structuralism with special attention to the contributions of Saussure and Lévi - Strauss. 20
2. Discuss Foucault's contribution to the study of power and knowledge. 20
3. How would you distinguish between essentialist and Social Constructivist feminist approaches ? Discuss. 20
4. Do you believe gender is an effective category of analysis in examining the way history has been written ? Justify your position with the help of examples. 20
5. "The relationship between Postmodernism and Feminism is an essentially enabling one". Agree or disagree with this statement and present a detailed argument in favour of your position. 20

6. Discuss **any one** of the following short stories as an example of postmodern fiction : **20**
Maria Bombal's "The Tree" or Garcia Marquez's "Erendira".
7. Using **any one play** discussed in the course, **20**
highlight its postmodern elements in the light of postmodern theory.
8. Write short notes on **any four** : **4x5=20**
- (a) Deconstruction
 - (b) Foucault, freedom and ethics
 - (c) Bell hooks and postmodernism
 - (d) Mahasweta Devi's "The Breastgiver"
 - (e) Some examples of 'Sub - Verse'
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