

MASTER OF ARTS EXAMINATION 2019

Second Year Third Semester (OLD)

ENGLISH

Literature and Psychoanalysis

Time: Two Hours

Full Marks: 30

Answer any *three* questions.
All questions carry equal marks.

1. "The subject concludes on his anticipatory certainty about himself in terms of hesitation and haste." Assess the validity of this remark with reference to Lacan's essay, "Logical Time and the Assertion of Anticipated Certainty: A New Sophism."
2. What are the different reasons for which Lacan says in "The Seminar on 'The Purloined Letter'" that the "letter is of woman"?
3. How does Hamlet identify with the mortal phallus? What is the significance and effect of this identification according to Lacan?
4. What, according to Lacan, are the two flaws in Hegel's interpretation of *Antigone*? Do you agree with Lacan? Give reasons.
5. "Joyce and Beckett represent two forms of affinity between the letter and the litter in two types of ends of analysis." Discuss with reference to Lacan's "Lituraterre."
6. "*Finnegans Wake* is Joyce's sinthome." Amplify.