

**PhD Coursework Examination 2023**

**(1<sup>st</sup> Year, 1<sup>st</sup> Semester)**

**COMPARATIVE LITERATURE**

**Course – CL/PhD/1.1**

**(Research Methodology, Research and Publication Ethics)**

**Full Marks: 30**

**Time: Two Hours**

*All questions carry equal marks.*

Answer all questions either in English or in Bangla  
but all in the same language

Attempt any one from Question 1a or Question 1b (compulsory).

Attempt any one from Question 2 to Question 5.

1a. What are the potential consequences of ignoring standard ethical practices for research?  
Answer with suitable examples.

OR

1b. What are the characteristics of good research in the Humanities?" Discuss with suitable examples.

2. Discuss the relevance of Comparative Literature in India.

3. How valid is the three-fold division of historical periods for the study of Indian literary history?  
Justify your answer with an analysis.

4. What are genres? Examine the relationship between genre theory and historiography.

5. Do you think Comparative Literature should follow its own trajectory in India--a trajectory that is more in tune with local imperatives even if it may be different from the ones followed in Europe and in the USA? Discuss critically.