

JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY

MASTER OF ARTS EXAMINATION, 2023

1st Year, 1st Semester

DEPARTMENT OF FILM STUDIES

Early Film Forms

Time: Two Hours

Full Marks: 30

Answer any two questions. All questions carry equal marks. Answers can be written either in English or in Bengali, but all in the same language.

1. Is it possible to identify characteristics of Early Cinema that remain unchanged in single- and multi-shot films? Answer with suitable examples.
2. Write a note on the 'problem of ending' that Noel Burch notes in the films made between 1895 and 1906. How does it reflect on the question of textual autonomy?
3. The continuity system of narration seems to face resistance from the 'content' in early Indian silent films. Examine the statement with reference to the surviving films from 1917 to 1922.
4. Discuss how in the early 20th century Europe the avant-garde art movements influenced the cinematic medium and led to experiments in film language. Answer with reference to German Expressionism.