

JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY

MASTER OF ARTS EXAMINATION, 2023

1st Year, 1st Semester

DEPARTMENT OF FILM STUDIES

Hollywood Cinema and its Peripheries

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. Classical Hollywood conventions are a result of selective absorption of D. W. Griffith's innovations during the transitional era. Critically comment with examples.
2. Discuss how spectatorial point of view and affect play a major role in orchestrating dramatic sequences in classical Hollywood cinema. Answer with reference to a film of your choice.
3. Critically comment on the origins of the term 'film noir' with specific references to the European reception of American crime thrillers of the 1940s. Use suitable examples from representative films.
4. New Hollywood cinema can be described as a set of strategic responses to the wide-ranging transformations in industrial, moral and cultural ethos in post-War America. Comment with suitable examples.