

**MASTER OF ARTS EXAMINATION, 2025**  
**DEPARTMENT OF COMPARATIVE LITERATURE**  
**1st Year, 2nd Semester**  
**Subject Code : CL/PG/2.4**  
**CONTEMPORARY APPROACHES TO LITERATURE**

*Time : Two Hours*

*Full Marks : 30*

All questions carry equal marks.

Answer *all* questions *either* in English *or* in Bangla, but all *three* in the same language.

1. (a) According to the Formalists, the ideal literary text lacks, “motivation”. Comment critically with suitable examples.

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- (b) Linguistic structure as an ideal model could be followed to bring out the underlying structure of literary narratives. Substantiate the statement with reference to at least two structuralist theories.

2. (a) Can the Marxist notion of ‘class’ be used as a tool by a scholar of literature to develop a method of reading and understanding literary texts ? Elaborate with suitable examples.

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- (b) Any attempt to define Deconstruction is detrimental to the vision of Deconstruction. Comment critically with suitable examples.

3. (a) Is the study of sexuality and sexual agency indispensable to the feminist literary praxis ? Answer on the basis of relevant essays that you have read as a part of this course.

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- (b) Critically comment on Freud’s emphasis on the unconscious mind with special reference to the tripartite analysis he had provided, with reference to an interpretation of literary works and characters, with close reference to his writings included in your syllabus.

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