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TEST -1 EXAMINATION- 2026

PhD I Semester (HSS)

COURSE CODE (CREDITS): 23P1WHS103

MAX. MARKS: 25

COURSE NAME: Contemporary Literary Theory

COURSE INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Atul Kumar Singh

MAX. TIME: 90 min

Note: (a) All questions are compulsory.

Q.No	Question	CO	Marks
Q1	Do postcolonial theories draw alignments with socio-subjective theories of gender and sexuality? Pick any three scholars to discuss these alignments/intersections while also discussing the possible departures and points of contestation between the two.		8
Q2	"Kristeva's work is psychoanalytic and focuses on the subject's experience of fragmentation, whereas Baudrillard's "simulacra" is a nihilistic take on the world where the subject has been entirely swallowed by the medium and the code". Comment on the significance of this statement while highlighting Baudrillard's and Kristeva's contributions to the field of post-structuralist thought.		5+5
Q3	Arjun Appadurai and Partha Chatterjee both intervene against "a western-gaze" to the understanding of India and talk about decolonization of Indian mind. Are there similarities or differences between the two approaches? Discuss in line with the overall ideas conveyed by the two scholars. You may also choose to discuss any other scholars alongside to effectively convey your point.		7