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Fourth Semester M.A. Degree Examination, July 2018
Branch : Philosophy
PY 242 : RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN WESTERN PHILOSOPHY
(2013 Admission Onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 75

SECTION – A

Answer **any five** questions. **Each** question carries **six** marks. Answer should be **not** less than **400** words.

1. Elucidate Anti-Representationalism of Richard Rorty.
2. Define Modernism. Discuss its key features.
3. Distinguish between Structuralism and Post-Structuralism.
4. Discuss Derrida's outlook upon Philosophy and Literature.
5. "Since science cannot depend upon science to legitimize itself, it must turn to narrative". Examine this view of Lyotard.
6. "Language exists as a kind of totality or it does not exist at all". Elucidate this notion of Saussure.
7. Write a note on Derrida's critique of Logo-centrism.
8. Explain Saussureian notion of *Langue* and *Parole*. (5×6=30 Marks)

SECTION – B

Answer **any three** questions. **Each** question carries **fifteen** marks. Answers should **not** be less than **1000** words.

9. Evaluate Habermas' Theory of Communicative action.
 10. What is Postmodernism ? Discuss how postmodernism become the critique of modernity.
 11. "But deconstruction often involves a way of reading that concern itself with decentring-with unmasking the problematic nature of all centres. Elucidate Derrida's method of deconstruction on the basis of this view.
 12. 'Postmodernism is incredulity toward Metanarratives'. Elaborate this view of Lyotard.
 13. 'Language is always organised in a specific ways. It is a system or a structure'. Critically analyse this view of Saussure. (3×15=45 Marks)
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