

Third Assessment (End-Semester Exam)**April 29, 2024**

Note: This examination is 90 minutes (1.5 hours) long.

ATTEMPT BOTH SECTIONS. Each section is worth 30 marks.

PART I: LITERATURE**Instructions:**

Do not use bullet points. Write in full sentences and paragraphs.

Explain your ideas and examples fully and remember to connect your examples clearly to the point you are trying to make.

Questions:

1. What is the connection between literature/culture and power? Explain with reference to Macaulay's Minute and the construction of canon and classic in the context of English and Indian literatures. [15 marks; guideline: 400 words]
2. Answer the following:
 - a. Why does Terry Eagleton write that reading literature is different from reading "an account of the incidence of soil erosion"? Explain the difference and cite one example from the Eagleton reading or from class discussions. [8 marks; guideline: 200 words]
 - b. What are the key differences between Orientalism and Anglicism? [7 marks; guideline: 200 words]

PART II: PHILOSOPHY**Instructions:**

Keep your answers precise and to the point.

Section A: 2 x 5: 10 marks

1. Bring out the differences between: (a) Truth, validity, and soundness (b) Sentence, proposition, and argument (c) Descriptive and normative disciplines.
2. Bring out any 3 differences between inductive and deductive arguments.

Section B: 5 x 2: 10 marks

3. State whether the following arguments are inductive or deductive. Also identify the type of inductive and deductive arguments they are (in terms of the labels that apply to each type).

- a. Astrological calculations indicate that the Indian stock market will crash in the year 2034. There would be an economic crises looming before us in the next decade.
- b. All aerobic exercises are calorie burners and all calorie burners are weight reducers. Thus, all aerobic exercises are weight reducers.
- c. Studies say that nicotine is highly addictive. After smoking only a few cigarettes per day, Krista became addicted within two months. The same thing happened to Dave, Jean, and Marty. Therefore, since Dennis has been smoking a few cigarettes per day for the past two months, he's probably addicted, too.
- d. If interest rates rise, then home sales will decline. Thus, if interest rates rise, then real estate prices will drop, because if home sales decline, then real estate prices will drop.
- e. More than 99% of all airplane flights land safely. Therefore, probably the next flight to depart from the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport will land safely.

Section C: 5 x 2: 10 marks

4. Identify the following fallacies. Give reasons for the same.
- a. Everyone nowadays is on a low-carb diet. Therefore, you should go on a low-carb diet, too. *appeal to popularity*
 - b. Mr. Goldberg has argued against prayer in the public schools. Obviously Mr. Goldberg advocates atheism. But atheism is what they used to have in Russia. Atheism leads to the suppression of all religions and the replacement of God by an omnipotent state. Is that what we want for this country? I hardly think so. Clearly Mr. Goldberg's argument is nonsense. *straw man, ad hominem*
 - c. Either you study well, get into a good college, and make a name for yourself, or you lead a life of unemployment, anonymity, and misery. It's your choice. *false dichotomy*
 - d. Online education is a disruptive technology. It is going to bring great progress to society.
 - e. There is a good deal of talk these days about the need to eliminate pesticides from our fruits and vegetables. But many of these foods are essential to our health. Carrots are an excellent source of vitamin A, broccoli is rich in iron, and oranges and grapefruit have lots of vitamin C. *red herring*