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VIJAYANAGARA SRI KRISHNADEVARAYA UNIVERSITY, BELLARY

Syllabus for Ph.D Course Work in English

PAPER I – RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Hours of Instructions in a Week: 3.

Assessment:

End Semester Examination : 75 Marks (3 Hours)

Continuous Assessments : 25 Marks
(One assignment : 05 Marks
One Seminar : 05 Marks
Literary review : 05 Marks
Test : 10 Marks)

I. Concepts

- 1. What is research?
- 2. What is philosophy?
- 3. What is epistemology? Theories of knowledge
- 4. What is theory?
- 5. History of development of universities
- 6. Ph.D regulations of V.S.K University

II. Processes

- 1. Preparing the Research Proposal: Selecting a topic, Structure of a Ph.D dissertation
- 2. Source materials/Primary materials, secondary materials/References, Literature Review etc.
- 3. Methodology, Methods of analysis and its relation to source materials
- 4. Argumentative strategies: outlining, types of argument descriptive, narrative, exposition, argumentative
- 5. Organising and documenting the argument: hypothesis, thesis statement, the paragraph, chapters.

III. Style sheet for reference/bibliography:

- 1. Issues in Reference: Different Styles of Reference, foot notes, end notes, Bibliography
- 2. Documenting various sources: Books, Articles in books/journal

- 3. Documenting various sources: Cinema, Web downloads, archival material, newspapers
- 4. Documenting various sources: Audio interview, T.V.Show, Ethnographical details, etc
- 5. The final work: credits and acknowledgements, contents page, certification.
- 6. Binding, the cover page, spine printing.
- 7. Publication

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PAPER II – THEORETICAL FOUNDATIONS

Hours of Instruction in a Week: 3.

Assessment:

End Semester Examination : 75 Marks (3 Hours)

Continuous Assessments : 25 Marks

(One assignment : 05 Marks
One Seminar : 05 Marks
Literary review : 05 Marks
Test : 10 Marks)

I. Anglo – American Literary Criticism:

- 1. Arnold and the Liberal Humanist Tradition.
- 2. Eliot and Leavis: "Literature" and "Modernism"
- 3. New Criticism and Since.

II. Critical Theory:

- George Lucas: Realism, Class and Class consciousness Walter Benjamin: The Work of Art in the Age of Mechanical Reproduction"
- 2. Antonio Gramsci: The Concept of Hegemony.
- 3. Jurgen Habermas: The Notion of Public Sphere: Enlightenment and Reason.
- 4. Raymond Williams: Cultural Materialism: On Base and Superstructure.

III. Structuralism, Post structuralism and Deconstruction:

- 1. Ferdinand de sausure: Language, Sign and Signification.
- 2. Claude Levi-Strauss: Myth and Meaning.
- Lucien Goldmann: Maximum Possible Consciousness and the identity of Subject and the Object.
- 4. Jacques Lacan: The Structure of the Unconscious.

- 5. Michel Foucault: What is an author?
- 6. Louis Althusser: The Ideological State Apparatus.
- 7. Roland Barthes: Mythologies.
- 8. Jacques Derrida. Structure, Sign and Play in the Discourse of Human Sciences.
- 9. Catherine Belsey: Textual Analysis as a Research Method

IV. Psychoanalysis:

- 1. Freud: Dream, Neurosis and art; Art and Childhood; Art and Sexuality; Id, Ego and Superego.
- 2. Jung: The Naïve and the Sentimental Artist: the Collective Subconscious
- 3. Lacan: The Subconscious and its Structure.

V. Modernism and Postmodernism:

- The Cosmopolitan Centres and the Birth of Modernism; Time, Space and Subjectivity in Modernism; Modernism and the Avant Garde; The Progressive and the Regressive Modernism; Modernism and the Small Magazines; Modernist techniques of representation and modernist narratives.
- 2. Postmodernism and the Classics; Postmodernism and the celebration of Play; the Collapse of the Centre; the postmodernism city; postmodernism time, space and narratives; postmodernism and history.

VI. Feminism:

- 1. Sex, Gender, Family and patriarchy.
- 2. Liberal Humanism and Subjectivity.
- 3. Narratives, Perspectives and Gender.
- 4. Class, Caste, Ethnicity and Feminism.

VII. Post colonialism:

- 1. Post colonialism and Postmodernism as the Preparatory Theoretical Background;
- 2. Eurocentrism and the Colonial Periphery.
- 3. The Colonial Project and the Colonial History.
- 4. Colonial Modernity and Modernism.
- 5. Recovering the Colonial Identity and the Problems of Nativism.
- 6. Postcolonial Literary Theories and the Critique of the Commonwealth Project.

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Hours of Instruction in a Week: 3

Assessment: End Semester Examination: 75 marks

Continuous Assessment: 25 Marks

(One assignment: 05 MarksOne Seminar: 05 MarksLiterary review: 05 MarksTest: 10 Marks)

- I. Survey of Recent Primary Reference Materials: The candidate is expected to prepare a critical bibliography of the primary reference materials that have appeared in the last three years.
- II. Survey of Secondary and Tertiary Reference Materials: The candidate is expected to prepare a critical bibliography of the secondary and tertiary reference materials that have appeared in the last three years.
- III. Recent Critical and theoretical developments that have occurred in the last five years (
 The candidate may extend his/her study of one of the critical theories that he/she has
 chosen in Paper II)
- IV. Review of a Book that has been published not more than two years before in approximately 25 printed A4 sheets.

Items I to III must end in a good and usable bibliography that the student can actually attach at the end of his/her dissertation.