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B.A. /B. ED EXAMINATION
ELE 4306 - MODERN CRITICAL THEORIES

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MARKS 100

TIME 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

- (a) Answer **any three (3)** Questions.
 - (b) All questions carry equal marks
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1. Choose any **one** of the following critical theories, and give its definition, key terms and concepts:

- a) Marxist Criticism
- b) Postmodernism
- c) Psychoanalysis
- d) Postcolonialism
- e) Reader-response Theory
- f) Russian Formalism
- g) Feminist Criticism

2. Define the key terms/concepts of New Criticism.

3. Show how Structuralism sets out to ‘demystify’ the New Critical conception of the nature of meaning.

4. ‘Deconstruction [...] declines the structuralist assumption that structural principles are essences... [For Deconstruction] meaning is always historical, temporary, contingent, operating through differentiation and displacement.’

Discuss this statement.