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UDJ 3502 – MEDIA ANALYSIS TECHNIQUES



Date: 12-11-2024

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Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 09:00 am-12:00 pm

SECTION A - K1 (CO1)

Answer ALL the Questions -

(10 x 1 = 10)

1. Match the following

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| a) Saussure | a) Simulacra |
| b) Barthes | b) Gynocriticism |
| c) Levi-Strauss | c) Signifier and Signified |
| d) Postmodernism | d) Two-level Signification |
| e) Feminism | e) Binary Oppositions |

2. True or False

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| a) | Barthes' two-level signification includes both denotation and connotation. |
| b) | Marx's concept of alienation refers to the separation of workers from the products of their labor. |
| c) | Vladimir Propp's narrative analysis focuses on binary oppositions within myths. |
| d) | In Pierce's semiotics, an index directly resembles what it represents, like a photograph. |
| e) | Levi-Strauss argued that narratives are structured around paradigms, known as mythemes. |

SECTION A - K2 (CO1)

Answer ALL the Questions

(10 x 1 = 10)

3. Fill in the blanks

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| a) | According to Freud, the part of the psyche that mediates between desires and social rules is the _____. |
| b) | Lacan's concept of the _____ describes a child's development of self-awareness by recognizing themselves in a mirror. |
| c) | _____ refers to a postmodern concept where meanings are interlinked through references to other texts or media. |
| d) | Jung proposed the concept of the _____ to explain the shared unconscious patterns across human cultures. |
| e) | Todorov's narrative theory suggests that every story begins with a state of _____ which is disrupted and later restored. |

4. Answer the following

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| a) | Define Binary Opposition as used by Levi-Strauss. |
| b) | Explain what Lacan's Mirror Stage represents. |
| c) | Contrast between denotation and connotation. |
| d) | Explain the concepts associated with postmodernism. |
| e) | Define Sexual Objectification in feminist theory. |

SECTION B - K3 (CO2)

Answer any TWO of the following

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| 5. | Apply signifier and signified to analyze the meaning of a popular logo (e.g., Apple, Nike). |
| 6. | Identify and classify three objects from your daily life as icon, index, or symbol. Justify your classification based on semiotic framework. |

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| 7. | Identify and explain the plot of a fairy tale or a popular movie using narrative equilibrium theory. |
| 8. | Identify a character from any film or novel using concepts of the id, ego, and superego. Explain how these aspects drive the character's behavior. |

SECTION C – K4 (CO3)

Answer any TWO of the following

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| 9. | Analyze the cultural significance of a national symbol (like a flag or anthem) through denotation and connotation. |
| 10. | List an advertisement by identifying the binary oppositions present (e.g., youth vs. old age, urban vs. rural). Discuss how these oppositions influence consumer perception. |
| 11. | Examine the concept of alienation and surplus value in the context of content creators on platforms like YouTube or Instagram. |
| 12. | Analyze how pastiche, bricolage, or hyper reality is used in a recent music video, TV series, or movie. |

SECTION D – K5 (CO4)

Answer any ONE of the following

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| 13. | Evaluate the relevance of Marx's theories of alienation and false consciousness in the context of the gig economy (e.g., food delivery workers, ride-sharing platforms). |
| 14. | Assess the impact of postmodern concepts like hyperreality, simulacra, and intertextuality on today's media consumption. |

SECTION E – K6 (CO5)

Answer any ONE of the following

(1 x 20 = 20)

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| 15. | Design an original semiotic framework to analyze digital communication (e.g., memes, emojis, GIFs). |
| 16. | Create a new feminist framework to analyze films, focusing on gender roles, stereotypes, and empowerment. |

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