

MPhil/PhD Entrance Examination 2019
KKH State Open University
Subject: English

Full Marks: 50

Time: 1.30 hours

1. Answer any five from the following questions.

10x5=50

- a. Critically discuss the contribution of the New Critics to Literary Studies of the 20th century.
- b. Write in detail about the Western Philosophical Tradition and its Influence on Literary Studies.
- c. Provide a discussion of the major premises of 20th century literary criticism and state their importance in academic research.
- d. Discuss in detail 'the linguistic turn' during early 20th century that changed our ways of interpreting literary texts.
- e. Explain the ways Plato engages himself with the discussions of poetry and poetic inspiration in his famous dialogue *Republic* (Book X).
- f. Write about any one of the following:
 - i. Psychoanalysis
 - ii. Cultural Materialism
- g. Write a note on Renaissance scholarship with reference to some important literary works of the period.
- h. What is meant by Life Writing? Do you think that Life Writing is an important subject for academic Research?