

**LITS3304 CONTEMPORARY CRITICAL THEORY
POST-STRUCTURALISMS AND POST-COLONIALISMS**

SEMESTER I, 2010-2011

EXAM ADVICE

Here are the general instructions:

Answer **TWO** questions in all, **ONE** from Section A and **ONE** from Section B.

In each answer, you should refer closely to the arguments advanced by the theorists in question.

The exam is divided into two sections, each containing three questions:

SECTION A: STRUCTURALIST MARXISM

1. A question on Structuralist Marxist theory in general to be answered with reference to at least ONE of Althusser's essays:
 - "Contradiction and Overdetermination";
 - "Ideology and Ideological State Apparatuses";
 - Part I of Reading Capital.
2. A question on Structuralist Marxist *literary* theory to be answered with reference to Eagleton's Criticism and Ideology.
3. A question on Structuralist Marxist Post-colonial theory to be answered with reference to
 - Hall's "Race, Articulation and Societies Structured in Dominance" OR
 - Bhabha's "Representation and the Colonial Text."

SECTION B: FOUCAULDIAN DISCOURSE THEORY

4. A question on Foucauldian Discourse Theory in general to be answered with reference to Foucault's
 - The Archaeology of Knowledge
 - "Nietzsche, Genealogy, History."
5. A question on Foucauldian *literary* theory to be answered with reference to ONE of the following essays:
 - Foucault, "What is an Author?";
 - Said, "Secular Criticism";
 - Greenblatt, "Towards a Poetics of Culture."
6. A question on Foucauldian Post-colonial theory to be answered with reference to Said's Orientalism (you may also draw on his "Secular Criticism").

I would advise you to:

- choose a topic and a back-up topic in each section which interest you and to carefully read the relevant primary sources in conjunction with my notes on the

essays in question (the best way to assimilate information in this and every course is to jot down your own notes);

- carefully study my handouts on Authorship, the Literary Tradition / Literary History, the Reader, Representation and Literary Form to get a handle on the issues which are important; and
- last but not least, click on the link to access the past exam papers in order to familiarise yourself with the kinds of questions that may be asked.