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Term End Examination July - 2026

Course	: Diploma Course	Date	: 06/07/2026
Subject Code	: DCL-01	Time	: 11:30am to 01:45pm
Subject Name	: Comparative Literature: Relevance, Definitions & Concepts of Historical Development	Duration	: 02.15 Hours
		Max. Marks	: 70

Q-1 Answer the following question in detail: **14**

Explain the relevance of Comparative Literature as an ethical and humanistic discipline. Discuss the concepts of Humanities, Humanism and Critical Humanism in detail.

OR

Discuss the philosophical foundations of plurality in Comparative Literature. Explain William James' pluralism and Jain philosophy of Anekantavad, Nayavad and Syadvad.

Q-2 Answer the following question in detail: **14**

Explain the concept of difference in Comparative Literature. How does the comparative approach promote an ethical understanding of diversity and alterity?

OR

What is meant by 'Literariness' and 'Textuality'? Discuss the views of Roman Jakobson, Viktor Shklovsky, René Wellek and Dionýz Ďurišin with suitable examples.

Q-3 Answer the following question in detail: **14**

Discuss Vishwa Sahitya: Pre History of Comparative Literature in India.

OR

Examine the major "crises" in Comparative Literature. Discuss the contributions of René Wellek, Etiemble, Susan Bassnett and Charles Bernheimer in redefining the discipline.

Q-4 Answer the following question in detail: **14**

Discuss Multiculturalism and Indian Literature.

OR

Discuss the relation between World Literature and Comparative Literature.

Q-5 Write short notes on any TWO of the following: **14**

1. What is Distant Reading?
2. Literary Invariants
3. Colonialism and Language Policy
4. Theory of Constants
