

Minor I Exam

HUL 274 - "Re-thinking the Indian Tradition"

Thursday, 29 August 2013 5:30pm-6:30pm

Total marks= 10

Venue: VILTI

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All questions carry 10 marks.

Attempt any one of the following questions.

Word limit 150 words per answer. 1 mark will be deducted for every 10 words beyond specified word limit.

- Write the question and the question no. before your answer.
- In the case that a question has two parts, division of marks is shown.
- You are allowed to map your answer *extensively* at the back of the answer sheet- *all rough work should be done at the back of the answer sheet. Rough work will not be considered for marking your answer. However, it may assist you in submitting a sharper answer.*
- List key points made being made by you as 1, 2, 3, ... / i.i.iii.../a. b. c.... etc in the left hand margin of the answer sheet. *Helpful note- you could do this once you have written an entire paragraph.*
- Reason d'être- so that you refuse to reiterate!
- Please write "the end" when you conclude your answer.

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1. Summarize main arguments/concepts of any one reading, which you have studied thoroughly.

2. Critically comment on the following and build connection to the source-

"When people like me, they tell me it is in spite of my colour. When they dislike me, they point out that it is not because of my colour. Either way, I am locked into the infernal circle" * (5)

- But then, his blackness is turned into pride with his discovery of the politics and poetry of *negritude*: "from the opposite end of the white world, a magical Negro culture was hailing me." * (5)

3. Critically comment on the following and build connection to the source-

"Kant decided that skin colour should be the basis for distinguishing between races. While he conceded that "such differences were also due to the effects of sun and air, he argued that all human beings were equipped with natural predispositions that were developed or held back depending on the climate. Once these changes came about, they were irreversible. Race cannot be undone by further differences in climate. He also identified the original genus as white ... throughout the 18th century, scientists were obsessed with the question of why black peoples were black; the question of why white people were white, of course did not arise." *