

**Paper XVI    CURRENT TRENDS IN WESTERN  
PHILOSOPHY**

***Unit – 1***

**Hermeneutics**

- 1.1 Introduction, Features and Types of Hermeneutics
- 1.2 Hans-Georg Gadamer – Elements of a Theory of Hermeneutic Experience

***Unit – 2***

**Postmodernism**

- 2.1 Salient Features of Postmodernism
- 2.2 Michael Foucault – an Introduction
- 2.3 Jean-Francois Lyotard – an Introduction

***Unit – 3***

Critical Theory of Habermas

***Unit – 4***

**Deconstruction**

- 4.1 Introduction
- 1.2 Sign and The Blink of an Eye
- 1.3 Différance

***Unit 5***

**Philosophy of Richard Rorty**

- 1.1 Solidarity
- 1.2 Relativism
- 1.3 Science

**Books for Study: (relevant chapters only)**

- 1. Dermot Morgan and Timothy Mooney, The Phenomenology Reader
- 2. Glenn Ward, Teach Yourself Postmodernism
- 3. Christopher Butler, Postmodernism
- 4. Christopher Norris, Derrida
- 5. Jacques Derrida, Of Grammatology.
- 6. Jacques Derrida, Writing and Difference
- 7. Thomas Docherty (ed.), Postmodernism: A Reader
- 8. Jean-Francois Lyotard, The Postmodern Condition: A Report on Knowledge
- 9. Alan Malachowski, Reading Rorty

**Website for reference:**

[http://carbon.cudenver.edu/~moyder/itc\\_data/postmodern.htm](http://carbon.cudenver.edu/~moyder/itc_data/postmodern.htm)