

M.Phil/Pre Ph.D Regular & Supplementary Examinations – OCTOBER, 2023
R210502
Paper –II: LITERARY THEORY
ENGLISH

Time : 3 hrs

Maximum Marks : 100

Answer One Question from Each Unit
All Questions Carry Equal Marks

UNIT –I

1. a) Discuss Saussure's views on the nature of the linguistic sign.
b) What are the propositions on the nature of the text according to Ronald Barthes?

OR

2. a) What according to Roman Jakobson are the functions of language?
b) What according to Cleanth Brooks are the formal elements of Literary texts ?

UNIT-II

3. a) What according to Northrop Frye are the archetypes of literature?
b) Comment on the relative importance of the reader and the text according to Wolfgang Iser.

OR

4. a) How did Jean Paul Sartre influence existentialism ?
b) Discuss Jacques Lacan's contribution to Psychoanalytical criticism?

UNIT-III

5. a) Analyse the distinctions between Modernism and Post Modernism.
b) Discuss Blooms 'Anxiety of Influence' as a literary theory.

OR

6. a) What is the difference between Culturalism and Structuralism according to Hall?
b) Define the term 'Heteroglossia' referring to Bhaktin's 'Discourse in the Novel'.

UNIT-IV

7. a) How does Toril Moi distinguish the terms Feminist, Female and Feminine?
b) Explain Fanon's concept of 'colonised intellectuals'.

OR

8. a) Discuss Judith Butler's notion of gender performativity.
b) How did Marxism influence literary criticism? Give Eagleton's views

UNIT-V

9. a) What are the approaches to Ecocriticism? Discuss
b) Discuss the challenges faced by the scholars of the humanities in the Digital Age.

OR

10. a) What is Disability Studies? Discuss its characteristics.
b) Discuss Rey Chow's views on the old / new question of comparison in literary study.
