PG (CBCS) EVEN SEMESTER EXAMINATION, 2024

ENGLISH

2nd Semester

Course No. : ENGCC - 204 (O)

(Contemporary Approaches to the Study of Literature)

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 28

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

(Answer all questions)

UNIT-I

1. (a) Discuss the three theoretical constructs defined in Freud's structural model of the psyche in terms of whose activity and interaction, mental life is described. 10

Or

(b) Present a brief overview of Reader Response theory. 10

2. Write a short note on any one of the following: 4

(a) Fish's 'informed reader' versus Iser's 'implied reader'

(b) 'Artistic pole' and 'Aesthetic pole'.

(Turn Over)

UNIT-II

3. (a) Write an essay on Saussure's contribution to structuralist thought. 10

Or

(b) Write a critical note on the poststructuralist view of the author and text with examples of a few theorists to explain your point. 10

4. Write a short note on any one of the following: 4

(a) 'Heteroglossia'.

(b) 'Signifier' and 'signified'.

UNIT-III

5. (a) Discuss the views of Mary Wollstonecraft and J.S Mill on patriarchy. 10

Or

(b) Critically discuss how queer theory presents gender identity as performance. 10

6. Write a short note on any one of the following: 4

(a) Gynocriticism

(b) Third World feminism.

UNIT-IV

7. (a) What are the major tenets of Marxism as a critical approach? Discuss. 10

Or

(b) Do you agree that the New Historicism is concerned with "the historicity of texts and the textuali-ty of history"? Give a reasoned answer. 10

8. Write a short note on any one of the following: 4

(a) Class struggle.

(b) Ideological State Apparatuses.

UNIT-V

9. (a) Critically comment on Edward Said's views on 'Orientalism' and 'Eurocentrism'. 10

Or

(b) Discuss Homi Bhabha's concept of 'hybridity' and 'third space'. 10

10. Write a short note on any one of the following: 4

(a) Subaltern.

(b) Globalization.

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