PG Even Semester Exam, May 2025

English

2nd Semester

COURSE NO. ENGCC - 204

[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 the questions

UNIT-I

1. a. Write a critical note on how psychoanalysis looks at dreams and literature. 10

Or

b. Critically discuss the characteristic features of Reader Response Criticism.

2. Write a short note on either of the following: 4
   a. 'Collective unconscious'
   b. 'Informed reader' according to Stanley Fish.

UNIT-II

3. a. Write an essay on the structuralist turn in literary and cultural studies. 10

Or

b. Write a critical note on Bakhtin's contribution to poststructuralist thought.

4. Write a short note on either of the following: 4

a. Roland Barthes

b. Russian Formalism.

UNIT-III

5. a. Discuss the impact left by Mary Wollstonecraft and J.S. Mill on feminist thought. 10

Or

b. Critically discuss 'womanism' as a framework of black women's resistance to race, class, and gender oppression.

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

a. Simone de Beauvoir

b. 'Phallogocentrism'.

UNIT-IV

7. a. Write a critical note on Marx's discussion of 'base', 'superstructure', and 'class struggle'. 10

Or

b. Discuss the basic ideas of New Historicism.

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

a. The Frankfurt School.

b. Antonio Gramsci's concept of 'hegemony'.

UNIT-V

9. a. Write an essay on Spivak's contribution to Postcolonial Theory. 10

Or

b. Discuss Dipesh Chakraborty's postcolonial discussion of history as an example of 'decolonial' thinking.

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

a. 'Eurocentrism'

b. 'Hybridity'.

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