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(For candidates admitted from 2016–2021 Batch)

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2023

English

LITERARY THEORY

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 2 = 20)

**Answer the following questions in a
sentence or two each.**

1. What does New Criticism oppose?
2. Where did formalism originate?
3. How does Structuralism conceive literature?
4. What are *Logos*?
5. How would you define Modernism?
6. Who employed the term Cultural materialism?
7. Who wrote *A Room of One's Own*?

8. What is often used to designate the combined area of Gay and Lesbian studies?

9. Define Stylometry.

10. What does Narratology denote?

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

11. (a) What are the principles of Semiotics?

Or

(b) Analyze the terms and concepts developed by Saussure.

12. (a) Explain Deconstruction.

Or

(b) How do the poststructuralists decentre the subject?

13. (a) What are the basic claims of New historicism?

Or

(b) Explain Magical Realism.

14. (a) Highlight the central and recurrent issues in Post-colonial studies.

Or

(b) Explain the claims of Marxist criticism.

15. (a) Explain the term Intertextuality.

Or

(b) What does Hermeneutics employ in analyzing a text?

PART C — (3 × 10 = 30)

Answer any THREE of the following questions in about 1000 words each.

16. How does formalism view literature and literary studies?

17. Analyze the salient features of Post Structural thought.

18. Discuss the features of Post modernism.

19. How does ecocriticism explore the relations between literature and the biological and physical environment?

20. Discuss the aims and objectives of Reader-response criticism.