

FIFTH SEMESTER BA DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2023
(Regular/Improvement/Supplementary)

ENGLISH
GENG5B08T: LITERARY THEORY

Time: 2 ½ Hours

Maximum Marks: 80

SECTION A: Answer the following questions. Each carries *two* marks.
(Ceiling 25 Marks)

1. Define aporia.
2. What is meant by logocentrism?
3. Explain Lacan's idea of 'mirror stage'.
4. Mention the principle of 'humanism'.
5. What is linguistic turn?
6. In Marxist theory, which are the two parts of the society?
7. What is 'the New Left'?
8. Define historiography.
9. Why was there a need for Black feminism?
10. How is womanism different from feminism?
11. State 'Queer theory'.
12. What is Edward Said's theory of 'Orientalism'?
13. Comment on 'anthropocentrism'.
14. What is 'simulacra' according to Baudrillard?
15. Define Ecofeminism.

SECTION B: Answer the following questions. Each carries *five* marks.
(Ceiling 35 Marks)

16. Write a short note on literary theory, with special reference to critical turn.
17. Describe Freud's three-part model of psyche.
18. Explain Saussure's concept of Sign.
19. Describe Ideological State Apparatus.
20. Write a note on Postcolonial Critique of Nationalism.
21. Write a short note on Habermas's notion of Modernity as an Incomplete Project.
22. Differentiate between shallow ecology and deep ecology.
23. How is Judith Butler's idea of 'Gender performativity' explored in Queer theory?

SECTION C: Answer any *two* questions. Each carries *ten* marks.

24. Explain the different waves of feminism.
25. What is postmodernism? Examine the contributions of Habermas, Lyotard and Baudrillard as landmarks in postmodernism.
26. Examine how cultural materialism is different from new historicism.
27. Explain Lacan's concepts of the imaginary, the symbolic and the mirror stage.

(2 x 10 = 20 Marks)