

FIFTH SEMESTER B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2025

(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. Comment on Liberal Humanism.
2. Which are the two paradigms in Cultural Studies according to Stuart Hall?
3. What is Ecofeminism?
4. Differentiate between Super Structure and Base Structure.
5. What is Eurocentrism?
6. What is Semiology?
7. State the difference between deep structure and surface structure.
8. Which are the three major types of ideologies in a society according to Raymond Williams?
9. Comment on Oedipus complex.
10. What is supplement according to Derrida?
11. What is hegemony?
12. Define Gynocriticism.
13. What is meant by the term Diaspora in Postcolonial Studies?
14. Which are the two major types of grand narratives proposed by Lytode?
15. What is Queer Theory?

SECTION B: Answer the following questions. Each carries *five* marks.

(Ceiling 35 marks)

16. Give an account on Orientalism.
17. Explain the three stages of Feminist literary criticism according to Showalter.
18. Frankfort School of Marxist Criticism.
19. Differentiate between Deep Ecology and Shallow Ecology.
20. Elaborate on New Historicism.
21. Give an account on Deconstruction.
22. Provide a note on Subaltern Studies.
23. Write an account on Id, Ego and Superego.

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

24. Critically assess various theoretical approaches in Feminist Literary Criticism.
25. What are the major aspects of Postmodernism as a theoretical school? Elucidate.
26. Comment on the importance of structuralism in literary theory.
27. What are the salient features of Cultural Studies as a theoretical approach?

(2 × 10 = 20 Marks)