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**FIFTH SEMESTER B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2022**

(CBCSS - UG)

(Regular/Supplementary/Improvement)

**CC19U ENG5 B08 - LITERARY THEORY**

(English - Core Course)

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : 2.5 Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

Credit : 4

**Part A** (Short answer questions)

Answer *all* questions. Each question carries 2 marks.

1. Name a few major schools of literary theory.
2. How do structuralists perceive an individual 'text'?
3. Define aporia.
4. What is meant by the Mirror stage?
5. Name any two critics who contributed to Marxist criticism.
6. What are the observations of Adorno and Horkheimer on cultural products and their role in capitalism?
7. How does Althusser define 'ideology'?
8. Explain the relationship between textuality and historicity in New Historicism?
9. What is Greenblatt's take on the importance of 'history' in the context of new historicism?
10. What are the political strikes that invigorated the feminist movement?
11. Name the major texts authored by Elaine Showalter.
12. Explain the significance of the text *Sexual Politics*.
13. Why is French feminism sometimes recognised as poststructuralist feminism?
14. Who is Frantz Fanon? Which is the pivotal text authored by Fanon?
15. Which are the two major types of discourses stated by Lyotard?

**(Ceiling: 25 Marks)**

**Part B** (Paragraph questions)

Answer *all* questions. Each question carries 5 marks.

16. Examine Saussure's concept of 'Language as a system of signs constructed by social convention'.

17. What are the major concerns of psychoanalytic literary criticism?
18. Briefly examine the New Left Movement. What were the reasons for its emergence?
19. Write a short note on the fundamental ideas underlying Stuart Hall's essay 'Cultural Studies: Two Paradigms'.
20. Write a short note on Cultural materialism.
21. Explain Foucauldian notion of power.
22. What are the major arguments of Marxist feminists?
23. What is meant by Anthropocentrism?

**(Ceiling: 35 Marks)**

**Part C (Essay questions)**

Answer any *two* questions. Each question carries 10 marks.

24. "Liberal Humanism is criticised for its eurocentrism." Elucidate.
25. What is Post-structuralism? Elaborate on the general features and general concerns of post-structuralism.
26. Explain Queer Studies as an emerging discipline in literary theory.
27. Trace the advent of Subaltern Studies as a distinct and autonomous school of postcolonial critical theory.

**(2 × 10 = 20 Marks)**

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