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M.A. (Eng) END SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS NOVEMBER - 2023

SEMESTER - IV

20PELCT4012 - Literary Theory

Total Duration : 2 Hrs. 30 Mins.

Total Marks : 60

Section B

Answer any **SIX** questions ($6 \times 5 = 30$ Marks)

1. Explain the fundamental principles of structuralism as outlined by Gerard Genette.
2. Illustrate the role of power and imperialism in the construction of Orientalist discourse, as outlined by Edward Said.
3. Critically assess Chang's perspective on the legal system's role in perpetuating racial hierarchies.
4. Reflect on the contemporary relevance of Orenstein's essay in the context of current social and cultural challenges.
5. Examine the concept of "gynocriticism" as discussed by Showalter.
6. Analyze Ngugi wa Thiong'o's argument for the importance of using indigenous languages as a means of decolonization.
7. Explore the idea of "racial projects" and how they relate to Chang's critique of "race."
8. Determine the ethical dilemmas raised by "Green Imperialism" and discuss their relevance in today's context.

Section C

I - Answer any **TWO** questions ($2 \times 10 = 20$ Marks)

9. Interpret the significance of intertextuality in Barthes' essay and how it impacts the reading experience.
10. Compute the impact of daydreaming on an individual's mental well-being based on Freud's theory.

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11. Examine how Said's "Orientalism" challenges traditional Euro centric viewpoints and offers a new perspective on cross-cultural interactions.
12. Weigh the ethical considerations of using "race" as a way to differentiate individuals and groups, according to Chang's analysis.

II - Compulsory question ($1 \times 10 = 10$ Marks)

13. Determine the key factors that contributed to the spread of European ecological knowledge to colonized regions, as explored by Richard Grove.
