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M.A. English - END SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS - NOV'2024

SEMESTER - III

23PELCT3009 - Critical Theories and Concepts

Total Duration : 2 Hrs. 30 Mins.

Total Marks : 60

Section B

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

1. Describe how Logocentrism influences the structuralist and post-structuralist theories.
2. Illustrate the key differences between the Id, Ego and Superego in Freud's model of the psyche.
3. Sketch the role of repression in the relationship between the Ego and the Id.
4. Explain how does Orientalism could be seen as a form of cultural imperialism.
5. In what ways does Millett critique the institution of marriage and family as instruments of patriarchal control?
6. Examine how Dismodernism intersects with the broader issues of identity, such as gender, race and sexuality.
7. Explain the role of language, particularly sign language, in shaping Deaf identity and community.
8. Justify the statement that 'Deep Ecology proposes a radical restructuring with nature'

Section C

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

9. Illustrate how the application of the chronotype in structuralist theory differs from its use in post-structuralist deconstruction of texts.
10. Apply and analyse the latent content which provides insight into the psychological conflicts or trauma of the dreamer.

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11. Solve and discuss how the postmodern embrace of irony and paradox contribute to understanding the ambivalence in postcolonial literature.
12. Examine “aesthetic nervousness” in the context of disability studies, and explain its key characteristics.

II - Compulsory question (1 × 10 = 10 Marks)

13. Organize the fundamental principles of social ecology as proposed by Murray Bookchin, and how they differ from traditional environmentalism.
