

Ph. D. (ENGLISH)

(PHDENG)

Term-End Examination

June, 2026

REG-102 : LITERARY THEORY AND CRITICISM

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : (i) Attempt any **five** questions.

(ii) All questions carry equal marks.

1. Explain the concept of Rasa theory. How can it be applied to modern literary texts ? 20
2. Discuss the idea of Discourse and power with reference to major theorists. 20
3. Examine the role of feminist literary criticism in redefining literary canons. 20
4. What is reader-response criticism ? Examine its significance in shifting the focus from author to reader. 20

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5. Critically analyse the relationship between structuralism and post-structuralism. 20
6. How does cultural materialism influence cultural ecology and literature ? 20
7. Elaborate on the strengths and weaknesses of 'subaltern studies'. 20
8. Discuss the major characteristics of Modernism in literature. How does it differ from Post-modernism ? 20

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