



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY

B.A. Honours 6th Semester Examination, 2024

ENGADSE04T-ENGLISH (DSE3/4)

LITERARY THEORY



Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 50

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.
Candidates should answer in their own words and adhere to the word limit as practicable.*

Answer any ten of the following questions attempting at least one question from each of the three sections. Each question should be answered within 250 words 5×10 = 50

SECTION-I

1. (a) Define Marxist Literary criticism.
- (b) What do you understand by Leninist Marxist criticism?
- (c) Explain Marx's concept of Base and Superstructure.
- (d) Discuss Althusser's concept of Interpellation.
- (e) Write a note on Engelsian Marxist criticism.

SECTION-II

2. (a) What is Feminism?
- (b) Write a note on the Three Waves of Women's Writings.
- (c) Discuss the concept of Gynocriticism.
- (d) How does Elaine Showalter distinguish between 'feminist' and 'feminine'?
- (e) Write a note on Julia Kristeva's contribution to Feminist criticism.

SECTION-III

3. (a) Define 'signifier' and 'signified' according to Saussure.
- (b) How do you distinguish between 'langue' and 'parole'?
- (c) Discuss the main goals of structuralist literary criticism.
- (d) What is post structuralism?
- (e) Discuss the principal differences between structuralism and post structuralism.

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