



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY

B.A. Honours 6th Semester Examination, 2023

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) Comment on Marx's concept of Base and Superstructure.
- (b) Discuss Gramsci's concept of Hegemony.
- (c) How does Althusser define Ideological State Apparatus?
- (d) What do you mean by Vulgar Marxism?
- (e) Write a short note on Russian Formalism.

SECTION-II

2. (a) Explain after Elaine Showalter the terms 'feminist', 'female' and 'feminine'.
- (b) Write a short note on *l'écriture feminine*.
- (c) Briefly explain the concept of Gynocriticism.
- (d) What is Intertextuality according to Julia Kristeva?
- (e) Write a brief note on Feminism.

SECTION-III

3. (a) Discuss 'signifier' and 'signified' according to Saussure.
- (b) Define the concepts of 'langue' and 'parole'.
- (c) Write a note on the Structuralist approach to literature.
- (d) Define Poststructuralism.
- (e) What are the key differences between Structuralism and Poststructuralism?

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