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# INTERNAL ASSESSMENT, SUBJECT: ENGLISH SEMESTER III (NON-CBCS), 2022.

**Answer any ONE question from Each Course.** 

# Answers for each question should not exceed 5 pages.

#### **Course 3.1 Classical Criticism**

 $1 \times 10 = 10$ 

- 1. In Plato's *The Republic*, what is the author's stance towards the poets? Discuss in detail.
- 2. Discuss the tragic plot with respect to Aristotle's *Poetics*?
- 3. Write a brief note on Horace's Ars Poetica.

### **Course 3.2 English Literary Criticism upto the Romantic Age**

 $1 \times 10 = 10$ 

- 4. Write a note on Sidney's observations on Comedy.
- 5. Write a short essay on Wordsworth's views about the language of poetry as set out in the "Preface to the *Lyrical Ballads*".
- 6. Comment on Samuel Taylor Coleridge's conception of poetry in Biographia Literaria?

# **Course 3.3 Victorian and Modern Criticism**

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- 7. In On the Subjection of Woman, how does Mill critique the popular nature versus nurture debate?
- 8. Critically examine Eliot's concept of the "dissociation of sensibility." How far valid is this theory?
- 9. How does Derrida's "Structure, Sign and Play in the Discourse of the Human Sciences" begin the discourse on deconstruction? Elaborate with textual examples.

## **Course 3.4 Late Theories I**

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- 10. How is "The Death of the Author" an advancement on the linguistic turn in critical studies?
- 11. Evaluate Beauvoir's *The Second Sex* as a seminal text in the study of Feminism.
- 12. What did the term "subaltern" mean before Spivak problematised it? Which Marxist philosopher can we trace the idea back to? Discuss in detail.

# **Course 3.5 Late Theories II**

 $1 \times 10 = 10$ 

- 13. Does Edwars Said's 'orientalism' offer agency to the colonially oppressed? Explain.
- 14. Give the details of the relationship between the colonizers and the colonized in *The Wretched of the Earth*
- 15. Briefly explain the terms a) mimicry b) stereotype c) hybridity, using *Of Mimicry and Man* to illustrate