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Continuous Internal Assessment II - April 2025  
Semester VI

Class: III UG  
Major: English

Time: 2 hours  
Max. Marks: 60

21BENC26 – Basic Principles of Literary Criticism

Course outcomes:

1. Acquire knowledge of the basic principles of literary criticism.
2. Understand the tools for applying literary criticism and theory.
3. Apply the various literary theories to literature.
4. Analyse critical approaches of prominent literary critics.
5. Evaluate the significance of literary criticism and literary theory in contemporary times.

Part A

Choose the correct answer

6x1=6

1. Who is an authority for the theory of "Collective Unconsciousness" CO2K1  
a. Sigmund Freud      b. Carl Jung      c. Karl Marx      d. I.A. Richards
2. 'Individual and Society are inseparable' says \_\_\_\_\_ CO5K2  
a. Moralistic Approach      b. Sociological Approach  
c. Archetypal Approach      d. Formalistic Approach
3. 'Super-ego' refers to \_\_\_\_\_ CO3K2  
a. Conscious      b. Sub-Conscious  
c. Unconscious      d. Collective Unconscious
4. The third wave of Feminism insists on CO3K2  
a. MeToo Movement      b. Reproductive rights of Women  
c. Political rights of Women      d. Individualism and Diversity
5. \_\_\_\_\_ stresses on the role of a reader in delivering the meaning CO3K2  
of a work of art.  
a. New Historicism      b. Reader response Theory  
c. Post Humanism      d. Feminism
6. \_\_\_\_\_ criticism emphasizes on the structural components of a text. CO5K2  
a. Psychological approach      b. Sociological Approach  
c. Reader response Theory      d. Formalistic Approach

Part B

Answer ALL Questions

Each answer should not exceed 400 words or two pages

3x6=18

7. a. Explain the first wave of Feminism. CO3K3  
(or)
7. b. Write about any two pioneers of New Criticism and the key concepts formulated by them. CO5K4
8. a. Explain with examples the formalistic approach to literature. CO5K4  
(or)
8. b. Write on Archetypal characters. CO3K2
9. a. "Archetypal Criticism interprets the cultural patterns in the text" – Justify. CO4K4  
(or)
9. b. Explain Aristotle's concept of 'Catharsis' with reference to one of the pure tragedies of Shakespeare. CO4K4

Part C

Answer ALL Questions

Each answer should not exceed 800 words or four page

3x12=36

10. a. Explain the key concepts of five waves of Feminism. CO3K4  
(or)
10. b. Explain Jacques Derrida's Deconstruction Theory. CO3K4
11. a. Illustrate Archetypal approach to literature. CO4K3  
(or)
11. b. Explain the psychological approach of Sigmund Freud. CO3K4
12. a. Evaluate the significance of cultural theory. CO5K4  
(or)
12. b. Post-modernism – Explain. CO5K4