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M.A.English - END SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS - APRIL 2025  
SEMESTER - III

**23PELCT3009 - Critical Theories and Concepts**

Total Duration : 2 Hrs. 30 Mins.

Total Marks : 60

**Section B**

Answer any **SIX** questions (6 × 5 = 30 Marks)

1. Explain Ferdinand de Saussure's concepts of sign, signifier, and signified.
2. Illustrate the difference between metaphor and metonymy as proposed by Roman Jakobson.
3. Relate Elaine Showalter's concept of Gynocriticism to the feminist literary study
4. Describe the role of Kate Millett's concept of Sexual Politics in analyzing the power dynamics between genders in literature.
5. Explain how Jean Baudrillard's ideas of Simulacra and Simulation challenge traditional notions of reality in postmodernism.
6. Relate Jean Baudrillard's concept of Hyperreality to modern digital culture and its effects on identity in the age of social media.
7. Explain the different Models of Disability.
8. Distinguish between Deep Ecology and Social Ecology.

**Section C**

I - Answer any **TWO** questions (2 × 10 = 20 Marks)

9. Sketch Jacques Derrida's theory of deconstruction and explain how it challenges traditional notions of meaning and textual interpretation.
10. Apply Freud's theory of psychosexual development to analyze character development in a literary text of your choice.
11. Distinguish between Hybridity, Ambivalence, and Mimicry in Homi Bhabha's postcolonial theory.
12. Contrast Ableism and Dismodernism and interpret their implications for disability rights and social inclusion.

II - Compulsory question (1 × 10 = 10 Marks)

13. Examine the principles of Ecofeminism as proposed by Vandana Shiva and Maria Mies, and its connection to gender and environmental justice.

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