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M.A. English - END SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS - NOVEMBER 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. Define Ferdinand de Saussure's distinction between *Langue and Parole*.
2. Explain Jacques Derrida's idea of *Deconstruction* in simple terms.
3. Describe Freud's *Id, Ego and Superego* and their functions in human personality.
4. Interpret Elaine Showalter's concept of *Gynocriticism*.
5. What does Edward Said mean by *Orientalism*?
6. Relate Jean Baudrillard's notion of *Simulacra and Simulation* to postmodern culture.
7. Identify the key ideas behind the *Social Model of Disability*.
8. Explain the concept of *Ecofeminism* as proposed by Vandana Shiva and Maria Mies.

Section C

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

9. Illustrate how Structuralism paved the way for Post-Structuralism using the theories of Saussure and Barthes.
10. Examine Freud's psychoanalytic theories and discuss their influence on feminist and gender criticism.
11. Analyse the relationship between *Hybridity, Ambivalence, and Mimicry* in Homi Bhabha's postcolonial thought.
12. Describe Arne Naess's principles of *Deep Ecology*.

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

13. Distinguish between the concepts of Normalcy and Ableism and discuss their influence on cultural attitudes toward disability.
