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M.A.English- END SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS - NOVEMBER 2025  
SEMESTER - II

**24PELET2A02- Feminism: Concepts & Theories**

Total Duration : 1 Hrs.30 Mins.

Total Marks : 40

### **Section B**

Answer any **TEN** questions (10 × 2 = 20 Marks)

1. Briefly define the concept of feminism and its central concerns.
2. Distinguish clearly between the biological category of sex and the social construction of gender.
3. How does the gender binary shape everyday interactions? Illustrate with examples.
4. List two important strategies used to challenge gender discrimination in professional spaces.
5. Give an account on the three waves of feminism.
6. Discuss how men's and women's time is valued differently in social structures.
7. Write a short note on feminist labour theory.
8. How does the male gaze function in mainstream cinema?
9. How does queer theory question normativity?
10. Define the idea of sisterhood in feminist activism.
11. Explain the feminist reconceptualization of the idea of 'home'.
12. What is meant by the gendering of spaces?

### **Section C**

Answer any **FOUR** questions (4 × 5 = 20 Marks)

13. Evaluate how feminist ethics approaches 'care work' differently from traditional social systems.
14. Why is the human body considered a significant site for feminist debates? Illustrate with Naomi Wolf's *The Beauty Myth*.

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15. Write a critical note on the portrayal of femininity in contemporary films.
16. Analyse how crises of masculinity paved the way for new theoretical frameworks in gender and sexuality studies.
17. What does bell hooks identify as the major barriers to achieving a feminist future?
18. How has construction of dualisms and masculinity crisis led to the birth of queer theories?

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