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**FIFTH SEMESTER (CBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION
NOVEMBER 2025**

English

ENG 5B 08—LITERARY THEORY

(2019 Syllabus)

Time : Two Hours and a Half

Maximum : 80 Marks

*Answer the following questions in two or three sentences.
2 marks each.*

1. Describe the “critical turn” in literary studies.
2. Define “logocentrism” as described by Derrida.
3. Explain “Interpellation.”
4. Describe the two paradigms of Cultural Studies
5. What is the focus of Lesbian feminism ?
6. Explain Edward Said’s concept of “Orientalism.”
7. What is the difference between “shallow ecology” and “deep ecology” ?
8. Name two prominent members of the Frankfurt School.
9. What is a “Metanarrative” ?
10. What is “Superego” ?
11. Explain “strategic essentialism.”
12. What does “Sexual Politics” refer to within feminist discourse ?
13. Explain “écriture féminine”.
14. What is the Oedipus Complex ?
15. Who founded the institution known as CCCS, and what is its expansion ?

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Turn over

*Answer the following questions in a paragraph.
5 marks each.*

16. Describe the three waves of feminism.
17. What is the postcolonial critique of “Eurocentrism” ?
18. How did Claude Levi-Strauss apply structuralist principles to the study of culture ?
19. Analyze the ways in which Ecofeminism critiques anthropocentrism.
20. Explain Lacan’s concepts of the “Imaginary,” “Symbolic,” and “Real.”
21. How does Cultural Materialism differ from traditional Marxist analysis ?
22. What is Roland Barthes’ contribution to structuralist narratology ?
23. What are the key concerns of transgender identity in Queer Theory ?

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*Answer any **two** out of the four questions in an essay.*

24. What are the key concerns of Dalit feminism ?
25. What are Baudrillard’s concepts of “simulation,” “simulacra,” and “hyperreality” ?
26. What are the core principles of Liberal Humanism, and how are they seen in literary works ?
27. Explore the ways in which Stuart Hall’s work on “the popular” Challenged traditional hierarchies of culture.

(2 × 10 = 20 marks)