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**GANDHI INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY, ODISHA, GUNUPUR
(GIET UNIVERSITY)**

Ph.D. (First Semester-Winter) Examinations, June – 2025

**23WPPEEN1011 – Modern Critical Approaches
(English)**



Time: 3 hrs

Maximum: 70 Marks

The figures in the right hand margin indicate marks.

Answer ANY FIVE Questions.

(14 x 5 = 70 Marks) Marks

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| 1.a. | Explain how the class system works in Marxist theory. Give simple examples to show how it appears in society or stories. | 8 |
| b. | What is ideology in Marxism? How does it control the way people think? | 6 |
| 2. | What is psychoanalysis theory? Describe the roles of Id, Ego, and Superego in shaping a person's mind and behaviour. | 14 |
| 3.a. | What is structuralism in literature? Explain its main ideas | 7 |
| b. | What is narratology? How does it help in understanding a story? | 7 |
| 4. | Explain how deconstruction looks at language, the world, human identity, and literature. | 14 |
| 5.a. | Explain the key beliefs of feminist theory in literature | 7 |
| b. | What are traditional gender roles, and how does feminism question them? | 7 |
| 6.a. | What is postcolonial criticism? What does it try to study? | 7 |
| b. | Analyse how postcolonial literature represents the 'other' and how the representation differs from the colonial depiction. | 7 |
| 7. | Explain the major racial issues faced by African Americans and how these are reflected in their history. | 14 |
| 8.a. | How does New Historicism study literature in relation to history? | 7 |
| b. | What is ecofeminism? How does it connect women and nature? | 7 |

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