

**Ph.D. (ENGLISH)
(PHDENG)**

Term-End Examination

December, 2022

REG-102 : LITERARY THEORY AND CRITICISM

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : Answer any **four** questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. Post-modernist literature can be challenging to understand because of specific characteristics. Do you agree ? Give reasons for your answer. 25
2. Discuss the main aspects of the *Dhwani* theory. Attempt a Dhwani-based reading of any 20th century literary text. 25
3. What do you understand by 'Reader-Oriented Criticism' ? 25
4. Discuss the relationship between Structuralism and Humanist culture. 25
5. Attempt a critical essay on 'Discourse and Power'. 25

6. 'New Historicism' is a form of literary theory whose aim is to understand intellectual history. Comment. 25
 7. What are the main characteristics of Cultural Materialism ? 25
 8. "Queer Theory deals with human identity." Do you agree ? Give reasons. 25
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