

2023

(5th Semester)

ENGLISH

(Honours)

Paper No. : ENG (H)-503

(Literary Criticism)

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 45%

Time : 3 hours

The questions are of equal value

1. (a) State the reasons as to why the study of literary criticism is important highlighting its nature and function.

Or

- (b) Examine some of the important critical approaches to literature and analyze the focus of each approach.

2. (a) Give an estimate of the characteristic tendencies of criticism in the Age of Interrogation.

Or

- (b) Give an account of the development of modern criticism in the post-War period.

3. (a) What are the main functions of criticism as suggested by T. S. Eliot in *The Function of Criticism*?

Or

- (b) T. S. Eliot criticizes J. Middleton Murry and similar critics, claiming that anyone who values criticism cannot believe in the 'inner voice'. Elucidate.

4. (a) Write about Cleanth Brooks' concept of Paradox and Irony. Discuss their importance in poetry as discussed in his essay, *The Language of Paradox*.

Or

- (b) "The language of poetry is the language of paradox." Elucidate with reference to Cleanth Brooks' essay, *The Language of Paradox*.

5. (a) Attempt an analytical appreciation of F. R. Leavis' essay, *Keats*.

Or

- (b) F. R. Leavis begins his essay on Keats with a review of earlier critics on Keats agreeing and disagreeing with their observation. Elaborate.
