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Sixth Semester B.A. Degree Examination

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2016

(2008-09 Syllabus)

Optional English

(SAF 441) Paper VIII – LITERARY CRITICISM

(Texts : Romanticism, Colonialism – Ania Loomba, Feminism – Allison M. Jagger, Reception Theory – Terry Eagleton, Practical Criticism (Poem – Two Out of Three))

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 80

1. **Explain, in brief, any FOUR of the following concepts :** **4 × 5 = 20**
 - (a) Imagination
 - (b) Feminist Politics
 - (c) Literary Text
 - (d) Base and Superstructure
 - (e) Sex and Gender
 - (f) Form and Structure

2. **Answer any THREE of the following :** **3 × 10 = 30**
 - (a) Explain the views of Iser on the reception of a text and its influence on the reader.
 - (b) Trace Ania Loomba's views on historical development of colonialism and its influence.
 - (c) How does Sushila Singh present different notions of Feminism? Elaborate.
 - (d) Throw light upon the stages of development of Feminist theory.

3. **Write short notes on any TWO of the following :** **2 × 5 = 10**
 - (a) Connotation and Denotation
 - (b) Caliban-Prospero relationship
 - (c) Ecriture Feminine

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4. Write a critical analysis of any TWO of the following :

2 × 10 = 20

(a) Computer Mice

Can anyone give me advice...?
What to do with computer mice?
At night they come out
And race all about.
Each mouse and it's spouse
Invading my house.
They wreck my office
And they're not too nice.
What to do with computer mice?
~~Wait, I hadn't~~ thought about that-
Perhaps, I'll get a computer cat!

- Todd - Michael St. Pierre

(b) Vachana

You shall not steal
You shall not kill
You shall not lie
You shall not get angry
You shall not loathe anyone
You shall not boast
You shall not disdain anyone.
This is inner purity
This is outer purity
This is the only way
To win our Lord of meeting rivers.

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(c) Dreams

Hold fast to dreams

For if dreams die

Life is a broken-winged bird

That cannot fly.

Hold fast to dreams

For when dreams go

Life is a barren field

Frozen with snow

– Langston Hughes

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