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# SECOND SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE (REGULAR/SUPPLEMENTARY) EXAMINATION, APRIL 2024

(CBCSS)

English

# ENG2C06—LITERARY CRITICISM AND THEORY—Part I (up to New Criticism)

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 30 Weightage

- I. Write short essays on any five of the following in 200 words. Each question carries 2 weightage:
  - 1 Catharsis.
  - 2 Tragic flaw in Aristotle's Poetics.
  - 3 Sidney's classicism in his "Apology".
  - 4 F. R. Leavis critique of the portrayal of characters in "Hard Times".
  - 5 The paradox in Donne's "Cannonization" according to Cleanth Brooks.
  - 6 The comic and the tragic in Frye's mythical framework.
  - 7 Dhwani.

 $(5 \times 2 = 10 \text{ weightage})$ 

II. Write essays on any *four* of the following in 450 words choosing one at least from each section. Each question carries 5 weightage:

#### Section A

- 8 Discuss Plato's rationale for employing the noble lie and its implications for the functioning of the just city m *The Republic* II.
- 9 Aristotle considers tragedy as a superior form of art than epic in his *Poetics*. Explain.

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### Section B

- 10 How does T. S. Eliot define tradition in "Tradition and the Individual Talent," and what is its role in the creative process of the individual artist?
- 11 Discuss the main ideas and principles put forth by Wordsworth in his Preface to the *Lyrical Ballads* and their significance in the Romantic literary movement.

## Section C

- 12 Explore the relationship between Bhava and Rasa and how they contribute to the overall aesthetic experience of a literary work.
- 13 Discuss the universalisation of poetic art as explained by sage Bharata.

 $(4 \times 5 = 20 \text{ weightage})$