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# VIMALA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), THRISSUR SECOND SEMESTER M.A DEGREE EXAMINATION APRIL 2017 VCCSS-English

**VPEG2C04: CRITICISM AND THEORY** 

Time: 3 hours

# Section A

Answer **all** the following questions in a word, phrase or a sentence Each question carries 1/2 weightage

- 1. According to Eliot, who were the poets who did not feel their thought as immediately as the odour of a rose?
- 2. Who is the author of S/Z?
- 3. What did the Romans and the Greeks call the poet, according to Sidney?
- 4. To which group of criticism does Northrop Frye belong?
- 5. How many vyabhicari bhavas did Bharata identify?
- 6. How far can the elements of art reach according to Trilling?
- 7. The secondary imagination, Coleridge says, ....., ....., in order to recreate.
- 8. Name the author of *Dhwanyaloka*

(8x1/2 = 4 weightage)

Max. Weightage: 36

#### Section B

Write a short note each in a paragraph of 150 words on any **six** of the following:

Each question carries 2 weightage

- 9. Aristotle's observations on poetry
- 10. Russian Formalism
- 11. Marxism and literature
- 12. Frigidity in On the Sublime
- 13. Genres and Seasons in "The Archetypes of Literature"
- 14. The realization of rasa
- 15. Gynocriticism
- 16. Work versus Text as discerned in Barthes' essay
- 17. The Triple Unities
- 18. The *Unnaya* school of Sanskrit literary criticism

(6x2=12weightage)

### Section C

Write essays on **four** of the following in 450 words, choosing one from each section:

Each question carries 5 Weightage

## Part A

- 19. Critique Johnson's assessment of Shakespeare with reference to his "Preface to Shakespeare."
- 20. Critically examine Wordsworth's observations on poetic language.
- 21. Comment on the aesthetic importance of "sublimity" as viewed by Longinus in *On the Sublime*.

#### Part B

- 22. How does Brooks establish irony and paradox as effective tools for expression in literature?
- 23. What kinds of texts are best suited to "defamiliarization," according to Shklovsky? Give examples.
- 24. Consider Eliot as a classical critic with reference to the essay prescribed.

# Part C

- 25. Explicate the theory of *Dhvani*.
- 26. How does the theory of rasa contribute towards the appreciation of literature?
- 27.Bring out the parallelism between Indian aesthetics and Western literary theories.

#### Part D

- 28. How does Wilson depoliticize Marxism even as he is sympathetic to it?
- 29. How does Barthes equate the death of the author to the existence of a "scripter" outside literature?
- 30. The poets and philosophers before me discovered the unconscious; what I discovered was the scientific method by which the unconscious can be studied. Elaborate.

(4x5=20 Weightage)