

**M.A. 3rd Semester Examination-2022-23**

**ENGLISH**

**COURSE ID: 30351**

**COURSE CODE : ENG/301/C**

**Course Title : Literary Criticism: Theory and Interpretation-1**

*Time : 2 Hours*

*Full Marks : 40*

*The figures in the right hand margin indicate full marks.*

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*

**UNIT-I**

1. Answer any one question :

12×1=12

- a) How does Plato in the tenth book of the *Republic* discuss mimetic reality in the context of the philosophy of 'Being'?
- b) How does Aristotle interpret the intellectual inadequacy of the tragic hero? Briefly discuss it with reference to a Sophoclean tragedy.

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- c) Briefly discuss various critical interpretations of Aristotle's Katharsis. What, according to you, is the ideal interpretation?
- d) How does Longinus propose to balance genius and art in his *On the Sublime*?

#### UNIT-II

2. Answer any one of the question : 12×1=12
- a) Why according to Philip Sidney is a comparison viable between poetry, history and philosophy? On what grounds does he think poetry to be superior to the other two disciplines?
- b) Critically comment on Sidney's counters to the puritan objections to poetry as laid down in his *Apology*.
- c) Write a short note on Pope as a Neo-Classical Critic with emphasis on *An Essay on Criticism*.
- d) How according to Pope can a critic get over his bias and judge the merit of poetry better? Discuss.

#### UNIT-III

3. Answer any four questions : 4×4=16
- a) What, according to Plato, is the finest musical mode and why?
- b) Why does Plato criticise the Homeric narratology?
- c) Why does Aristotle consider poetry superior to history?
- d) What is "amplification" according to Longinus?
- e) How does Philip Sidney define poetry? What according to him comprise the chief subdivisions of creative poetry?
- f) Why does Philip Sidney conceive man as a creature torn between his "erect wit" and "infected will"?
- g) What is the effect of "dullness" in a creative work according to Pope?
- h) What is "wit" according to pope?