

LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – ENGLISH LITERATURE

FIFTH SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2007

AP 10

EL 5503 - CRITICISM TO THEORY

Date : 01/11/2007

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time : 9:00 - 12:00

PART – A

I. Answer any FIVE of the following in about 150 words each. Choose at least two from each section. (5 x 8 = 40)

SECTION – A

01. What does Longinus mean by the term ‘sublime’ and what are the five characteristics of sublimity?
02. Explain Ben Jonson’s Theory of Humours.
03. What are the requirements of a critic as laid down by Pope?
04. How does Coleridge distinguish “fancy” and “imagination”?

SECTION - B

05. What are the three estimates Arnold discusses in “The study of Poetry”?
06. Explain Walter Pater’s conviction of “art for art’s sake”.
07. How does Wordsworth defend his theory of poetic diction?
08. Why does Derrida equate criticism with literature?

PART – B

II. Answer the following in about 400 words each: (2 x 20 = 40)

09. a) Examine the poetic theories propounded by Arnold in “The study of Poetry”.

(or)

b) Discuss Eliot’s classicism as revealed in “Tradition and the Individual Talent”.

10. What arguments are advanced by Dr. Johnson to justify Shakespeare’s practice of mingling of tragic and comic elements in his plays?

(or)

Distinguish between the referential use of language and emotive use of language as revealed in I.A.Richards’ “The Two uses of Language”.

PART – C

11. Attempt a Critical Analysis of the following poem:

(20 marks)

When God at first made man,
Having a glass of blessings standing by,
'Let us,' said he, 'pour on him all we can.
Let us world's riches, which dispersed lie,
Contract into a span.'

So strength first made a way;
Then beauty flowed, then wisdom, honour, pleasure.
When almost all was out, God made a stay,
Perceiving that, alone of all his treasure,
Rest in the bottom lay.

'For if I should.' said he,
'Bestow this jewel also on my creature,
He would adore my gifts instead of me,
And rest in Nature, not the God of Nature;
So both should losers be.

'Yet let him keep the rest,
But keep them with repining restlessness.
Let him be rich and weary, that at least,
If goodness lead him not, yet weariness
May toss him to my breast.'
