

LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034



B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – ENGLISH LITERATURE

FIRST SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2013

SO 1101 - SOCIOLOGY OF LITERATURE

Date : 07/11/2013

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time : 1:00 - 4:00

Section A

Answer ALL questions in 30 words each. All questions carry equal marks.

(10 × 2 = 20 Marks)

01. Present any one definition of institution.
02. What is Role? State its relation to status.
03. Define semiotics.
04. Mention any one reason for the late ‘take-off’ of Sociology of literature.
05. Point out any one similarity between the ideas of Sartre and those of Lukaács.
06. Did Marx praise the bourgeoisie? Explain.
07. Is the writer a prisoner of his culture? How?
08. Write a brief note on memoir as a source for cultural studies.
09. What is the general opinion held by Gujarati writers about the British?
10. List out the methods used by reformers to bring about social change in Gujarat.

Section B

Answer any FIVE questions in 300 words each. All questions carry equal marks.

(5 × 8 = 40 Marks)

11. Illustrate the importance of culture to an individual.
12. Spell out the characteristic tendencies of a formalist-poet.
13. Highlight the views of Sartre on literature.
14. Explain the types of cultural studies with examples.
15. Describe the features of caste system as seen through the lens of Gujarati Writers.
16. What, according to Interactionists, are symbols and meanings?
17. What are ‘hermeneutic circle and hermeneutic moments’?

Section C

Answer any TWO questions in 1200 words each. All questions carry equal marks.

(2 × 20 = 40 Marks)

18. Discuss functionalism – its assumptions, premises, uses and limitations.
19. Trace the development of Sociology of literature and present a summary of Ruth and Wolff’s work on Sociology of literature.
20. Make an assessment of the ‘theory’ of Marx on literature and society.
21. Summarize the work of Mrudula Shahs and present an analysis of her work.
