



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – ENGLISH LITERATURE

FIRST SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2018

16/17/18USO1AL01/SO 1101/SO 3101 – SOCIOLOGY OF LITERATURE

Date: 31-10-2018

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 09:00-12:00

PART – A

Answer **ALL** questions in about **30 words** each:

(10×2=20 Marks)

1. Define sociology of literature.
2. Differentiate between ascribed and achieved status.
3. What is meant by hermeneutics?
4. Define semiotics.
5. Why did Marx call literature as ‘a superstructure’?
6. What is ‘dialectical analysis’ in the context of literature?
7. What is Indology?
8. Define culture.
9. Give a brief biographic sketch of Mrudula Shah.
10. Name any two ‘literary giants of Gujarat’ referred by Mrudula Shah in her study.

PART – B

Answer any **FIVE** questions of the following in about **300 words** each:

(5×8 =40 Marks)

11. How are social institutions portrayed in literature?
12. Delineate social systems theory in the context of literature.
13. Highlight the different types of structuralism.
14. Briefly explain formalism with suitable examples.
15. Highlight the contributions of Lukacs towards literature.
16. Explicate Marxism in a literary perspective.
17. Briefly discuss about Gujarati society during pre-colonial period.

PART – C

Answer any **TWO** of the following in about **1200 words** each:

(2×20 =40 Marks)

18. Define social control and discuss different agencies of social control.
19. Elaborate on Ruth and Wolff’s framework in the study of literature.
20. “Literature is not a simple mirror; it is a kaleidoscopic view of the society” – substantiate.
21. Write an essay on Mrudula Shah’s research work in sociology of literature.

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