

M.A (ENGLISH) Semester - 1 (CBCS) Examination
OCT/NOV-2025 (AS PER SYLLABUS YEAR JUNE-2023)
Literary Criticism (Ele-1 (New-23))

Time: 2:30 Hours**Marks:70****Instructions:**

1. All questions are compulsory.
2. Figures to the right indicate marks.

Que-1 How does Coleridge define the nature and function of poetry in *Biographia Literaria*? (14)

OR

Que-1 Discuss Wordsworth's views on the nature and function of poetry as expressed in the *Preface to Lyrical Ballads*.

Que-2 What does I. A. Richards mean by *Positivist Criticism*? Evaluate its significance in the scientific study of literature and its limitations. (14)

OR

Que-2 What does I. A. Richards talk about in *Practical Criticism*?

Que-3 Analyse Matthew Arnold's views on the relationship between literature and society as presented in *The Function of Criticism at the Present Time*. (14)

OR

Que-3 Evaluate Arnold's concept of the critic as a cultural guide in *The Function of Criticism at the Present Time*.

Que-4 What does Eliot mean by "Poetry is not the expression of personality, but an escape from personality"? Analyse this statement in the context of *Tradition and the Individual Talent*. (14)

OR

Que-4 What are three parts of *Tradition and individual talent*?

Que-5 Write short-notes: (Any Two) (14)

- (1) Wordsworth's definition of poetry in the *Preface to Lyrical Ballads*.
- (2) Richards' contribution to the method of *close reading*
- (3) *The Function of Criticism in the Present Time*
- (4) T S Eliot as a critic
