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(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2019 – 2020 and thereafter)
SUBJECT CODE: 19EL/PC/CT34
M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2022
BRANCH VII – ENGLISH
THIRD SEMESTER

COURSE : MAJOR CORE

TIME: 3 HOURS

PAPER : CONTEMPORARY CRITICAL THEORY II

MAX. MARKS: 100

SECTION A

I. Answer any four of the following in about 300 words each. (4x10=40)

1. How does Moi argue against Showalter's analysis of Woolf?
2. Differentiate between the Cartesian view of Nature and the perception of Nature in Indian cosmology.
3. New historicism questions a monological understanding of history. Discuss.
4. What does White mean by narrativization of events in the context of historiography?
5. According to Bourdieu, what are the three forms in which cultural capital can exist?
6. How does panopticism lead to the automatic functioning of power?

SECTION B

II. Answer any two of the following in about 750 words each. (2x20=40)

7. Trace the trajectory of feminist reception of Virginia Woolf.
8. Discuss any two Jungian archetypes with examples.
9. Examine Raymond Williams' views on the relationship between cultural institutions and sociology.
10. "Cultural Studies has multiple discourses." Elaborate.

SECTION C

III. Analyze the given passage applying any relevant critical theory that you have studied: (1x20=20)

I belong to that classification of people known as wives. I am A Wife. And, not altogether incidentally, I am a mother.

Not too long ago a male friend of mine appeared on the scene fresh from a recent divorce. He had one child, who is, of course, with his ex-wife. He is looking for another wife. As I thought about him while I was ironing one evening, it suddenly occurred to me that I, too, would like to have a wife.

Why do I want a wife? I would like to go back to school so that I can become economically independent, support myself, and, if need be, support those dependent upon me. I want a wife who will work and send me to school. And while I am going to school I want a wife to take care of my children. I want a wife to keep track of the children's doctor and dentist appointments. And to keep track of mine, too. I want a wife to make sure my children eat properly and are kept clean. I want a wife who will wash the children's clothes and keep them mended. I want a wife who is a good nurturant attendant to my children, who arranges for their schooling, makes sure that they have an adequate social life with their peers, takes them to the park, the zoo, etc. I want a wife who takes care of the children when they are sick, a wife who arranges to be around when the children need special care, because, of course, I cannot miss classes at school. My wife must arrange to lose time at work and not lose the job. It may mean a small cut in my wife's income from time to time, but I guess I can tolerate that...
