

ENGLISH

Paper-II

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 100

- Instructions :** (1) *This question paper contains 12 questions.*
(2) *Answer any **ten** of the following questions.*
(3) *Each question carries 10 (ten) marks.*

1. What is post-Structuralism? Discuss.
2. Write an essay on Modernism, identifying the prominent characteristics of modernist poets.
3. Consider Samuel Beckett as an Absurdist.
4. Do you think that Indian drama belongs to the 'theatre of roots'? Give reasons.
5. Evaluate the importance of feminist fiction in contemporary literature.
6. Women dominate Shakespeare's comedies, while they are feebly portrayed in his tragedies. Do you agree? Justify your position.
7. Bring out the salient features of the Sonnet in English literature.
8. Compare and contrast Milton's *Lucifer* with Marlowe's *Dr. Faustus*.
9. Write short notes on any **two** of the following :
 - (a) Dramatic illusion
 - (b) Iambic pentameter
 - (c) Spenser's poems
 - (d) Girish Karnad's plays
 - (e) Virginia Woolf

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10. Write a newspaper report on the visit of the Prime Minister to the Convocation Ceremony of a Central University in your region.
 11. Write a letter to the concerned minister in the State Government regarding improvement of roads and transport in your state.
 12. Write an essay in about 150 to 200 words on 'how to teach Shakespeares's *Julius Caesar* to Class X students'.

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