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B.A. /B.ED EXAMINATION
ELE 3301 – THEORY AND CRITICISM OF LITERATURE

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MARKS 100

TIME 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

(a) Answer any **five** questions

(b) Marks will be awarded for good grammatical expression and style.

1. What are the reasons for the artist to be kept away from the ideal state of Plato?

(20 marks)

2. Write a critical note on Aristotle's theory of mimesis.

(20 marks)

3. What, in your view, are the basic premises of biographical criticism?

(20 marks)

4. Discuss the strengths and limitations of feminism as a method of critical inquiry.

(20 marks)

5. Discuss Reader-response as a method of critical reading of a text.

(20 marks)

6. What is 'Marxist critical theory'? Is 'Marxist criticism' an effective tool for analysing a literary text? Give a reasoned answer.

(20 marks)