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**First Semester M.A. Degree (CBSS – Supple. (One Time Mercy Chance)/Imp.)  
Examination, October 2023  
(2016 to 2022 Admissions)  
English Language and Literature  
ENG1C03 – LITERARY CRITICISM**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

I. Answer the following in **350** words.

a) "Romanticism was largely a reaction against the strictures of classicism." –  
Elucidate.

OR

Comment on the Neoclassical principles of literary criticism. **(1×10=10)**

b) Aristotle's observations on plot.

OR

Longinus views on Sublimity. **(1×10=10)**

c) Wordsworth's views on poetry as expressed in *Preface to the Lyrical Ballads*.

OR

Coleridge on the nature and function of poetry. **(1×10=10)**

d) Poetry as the criticism of life.

OR

Walter Pater on the importance of embracing the beauty and experience  
of art. **(1×10=10)**

II. Answer **any eight** out of the following, **each** in about **100** words.

1) Dr. Johnson's *Preface to Shakespeare* is considered as one of the noblest  
monuments of English neo-classical criticism – Explain.

2) Philip Sidney's defense of poetry.

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- 3) What does Joshi say about the difficulties involved in interpreting poetry ?
- 4) Aestheticism.
- 5) Imagination and Fancy.
- 6) Catharsis.
- 7) Coleridge on Wordsworth's poetry.
- 8) Classical criticism.
- 9) Aristotle on the Epic.
- 10) John Dryden on the practice of mixing tragic and comic elements. (8×5=40)

