

B.A. 3rd Semester (General) Examination, 2023 (CBCS)

Subject : English

Course : CC-1C/GE-3

(Contemporary India : Women and Empowerment)

Time: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 60

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words
as far as practicable.*

1. Answer *any ten* of the following questions: 2×10=20
- (a) Write two differences between sex and gender.
 - (b) What do you mean by prenatal gender screening?
 - (c) Name two Indian feminist historians who wrote on the condition of women during Partition.
 - (d) In which year was the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act passed? How does it define domestic violence?
 - (e) Name two women who played major roles in the Indian Nationalist Movement.
 - (f) What is the Women Representation Bill?
 - (g) What is gender stereotyping?
 - (h) What is the Female Infanticide Prevention Act? In which year was it passed?
 - (i) What is the IPC punishment for infanticide?
 - (j) Who wrote *The Other Side of Silence*? What is the subtitle of this book?
 - (k) What are the issues Personal Laws deal with?
 - (l) What are the National Policy for the Empowerment of Women? In which year was it prepared?
 - (m) What is Article 21 for women?
 - (n) How many women were there in the Constituent Assembly? Name any two of them.
 - (o) What is the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act? In which year was it passed?

2. Answer *any four* of the following questions:

5×4=20

- (a) Briefly discuss the idea of hegemonic patriarchy in feminist theory.
- (b) Briefly discuss the nature of Personal Law in India.
- (c) Evaluate the legal and social provisions that exist in India against domestic violence.
- (d) Discuss the significance of the title of the book *The Other Side of Violence*.
- (e) Discuss the impact of women's political participation on Indian society.
- (f) Examine three major issues related to women's rights as raised by reformers in 19th century India.

3. Answer *any two* of the following questions:

10×2=20

- (a) How has Dalit Feminism brought the discourse of caste into the discourse of gender? Discuss with suitable reference from Bama's *Karukku*.
 - (b) Examine how '*Sultana's Dream*' rewrites and challenges gender stereotypes.
 - (c) Mention some important constitutional and legal rights for women in India.
 - (d) Atrocities against women were an integral part of Partition violence. Discuss with references to the texts you have read.
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