

B.A. Semester III Examination 2021 (CBCS)

Subject: English

Paper: GE-3/CC-1C

(Contemporary India: Women and Empowerment)

Time: 3 hours

Full Marks: 60

1. Answer *any six* of the following questions: 5x6=30
 - a. How does gender discrimination affect society? Explain briefly.
 - b. Comment on Satyaendranath Tagore's personality as reflected in his '*Letters to a wife*'.
 - c. What changes does Gholam Murshed suggest to modernise women in his '*The Reluctant Debutante*'?
 - d. What is the subject of Urvashi Butalia's book, '*The Other Side of Silence*? Analyse in brief.
 - e. Discuss two of the main privileges granted to women by the Constitution of India.
 - f. How can stereotypes affect gender roles and relationships? Discuss in brief.
 - g. Women's silence in spousal violence makes them more vulnerable in the Indian subcontinent. Do you agree? Explain in brief.
 - h. Write a short note on the contributions made by Indian women during the Quit India Movement in 1942.

 2. Answer *any three* of the following questions: 10x3=30
 - a. '*Karukku*' presents Bama's life as a process of self-reflection and recovery from social and institutional betrayal. Justify.
 - b. Discuss, in brief, Satyaendranath Tagore's idea of the new women as expressed in his '*Letters to a Wife*'.
 - c. Do you think that violence against women is merely a domestic issue or the community's responsibility? Discuss.
 - d. Do you think that Hussain's '*Sultana's Dreams*' is a mere dream sequence meant only for entertainment or is it a feminist stance for the required transformation in a patriarchal society? Elucidate.
 - e. "Butalia's narratives shed light upon the role of religion in shaping identities of families and communities". Comment on it with reference to '*The Other Side of Silence*'.
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