

B.A. 3RD SEMESTER (HONOURS) EXAMINATION, 2020-21

ENGLISH

Course ID: 30314

Course Code: AH/ENG/304/GE-3

Course Title: Contemporary India: Women and Empowerment

Time: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 40

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

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

Answer the following questions.

1. Answer *any one* of the following questions: 1×10=10
 - a) Elucidate with suitable examples that 'gender' is a socially constructed concept.
 - b) Write a note on the basic assumptions of masculinity and femininity in Indian society.

2. Answer *any one* of the following questions: 1×10=10
 - a) Write a note on Indian Women's movements engaged with law and legal reform in achieving gender equality.
 - b) Elaborate the role of reformers in bringing change in the status of women in India.

3. Answer *any one* of the following questions: 1×10=10
 - a) Discuss Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain's *Sultana's Dream* as a feminist science fiction.
 - b) Justify the title of Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain's *Sultana's Dream*.

4. Answer *any five* of the following questions:

5x2= 10

- a) Explain the terms *sex* and *gender*.
- b) What is *social constructionism*?
- c) Mention any two of the attributes given to women according to the traditional gender roles.
- d) What is *Misogyny*?
- e) What is hegemonic masculinity?
- f) Name two women movements in Post Independent India.
- g) Why is 'Bamabodhini Sabha' important?
- h) Mention two factors responsible for child marriage in India.
- i) Name two Indian women associated with *Nari Satyagraha Samiti*.
- j) Mention two books written by female authors about the Partition of India.
