

B.A. 3rd Semester (Honours) Examination, 2019-20**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.**The questions are of equal value**Answer all the questions.*Answer *any one* of the following questions: 10×1=10

1. (a) Critically evaluate the patriarchal nature of the Indian society.
- (b) Write a note on the basic assumptions of social constructionism.

Answer *any one* of the following questions: 10×1=10

2. (a) Comment on contemporary Women's Movements in India.
- (b) Assess the role of Indian women in social reforms in the early twentieth century.

Answer *any one* of the following questions: 10×1=10

3. (a) "Sultana's Dream" may be read as a satire on all male-dominated societies — Discuss.
- (b) Discuss "Sultana's Dream" as a dream of women's empowerment.

4. Answer *any five* of the following questions: 2×5=10

- (a) What is understood by 'gender discrimination'?
- (b) What is patriarchy? Cite two attributes of patriarchy.
- (c) What do you mean by 'gender roles'?
- (d) Mention briefly two effects of partition of India on women.
- (e) What is 'gynocentrism'?
- (f) What is a 'self-help group' (SHG)?
- (g) Who founded the "Bharat Stri Mahamandal" and when?
- (h) Name two Indian women who challenged the social norms of India in the Pre-Independence period.
- (i) Mention two remarkable initiatives taken by Vidyasagar for the emancipation of women in colonial Bengal.
- (j) What is meant by the term 'effeminate females'?