

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

ENGLISH

Course ID: 30318

Course Code: AP/ENG/301C/1C

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: 1x10=10
 - a) With the modern initiatives taken for achieving gender equality, how do you think patriarchy still constructs today's society?
 - b) Write an essay on how toxic masculinity affects the society.

2. Answer *any one* of the following questions: 1x10=10
 - a) In what ways have the post-independence women's movements in India changed from the pre-independence times?
 - b) How did partition affect the political participation of women on both sides of the borders?

3. Answer *any one* of the following questions: 1x10=10
 - a) Do you think Rokeya Hossain's *Sultana's Dream* subverts the idea of Indian womanhood? Answer with references from the text.
 - b) Examine *Sultana's Dream* as a feminist text.

4. Answer any five of the following questions: 5x2= 10
 - a) What is the basic difference between sex and gender?
 - b) What is gender performativity?
 - c) Mention any one man along with one of his reforms directed towards the betterment of women.

- d) Enlist four major women's movements in India.
- e) Which incident led to the Sati Act? Where did this incident take place?
- f) What is Polygamy?
- g) What is the contribution of Sarala Devi Chaudhurani to the welfare of Indian women?
- h) How do you define femininity?
- i) Mention the author and the year of publication of *The History of Doing*.
- j) When was Bharatiya Grameen Mahila Sangh founded?
