

2019

B.A.

3rd Semester Examination

ENGLISH (General)

Paper : DSC 1C-T

Full Marks : 60

Time : 2 Hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.  
Candidates are required to give their answers  
in their own words as far as practicable.  
Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.*

1. Answer any *two* of the following questions : 2×10
  - (a) Assess the role played by women in the Indian Nationalist Movement.
  - (b) Discuss the process of self discovery undergone by Bama as a Dalit woman in the Indian Society.
  - (c) How has Begum Rokeya reversed the gendered structures of the Indian Muslim Society in "Sultana's Dream" ?

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(d) Discuss the various constitutional and legal rights enjoyed by women in India.

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

4×5=20

(a) Discuss the impact of Partition of India on women.

(b) What role, according to Ghulam Murshid, was played by nineteenth century 'Bengali men in bringing about changes in the life of the Bengali woman'?

(c) Write a short note on the personal laws applicable to women in India.

(d) Describe the mechanism prescribed by the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act to provide redressal in the case of any allegation of Sexual Harassment.

(e) How is female foeticide a major social evil in India? What steps have been taken by the Indian government to prevent it?

(f) Write a short note on the different forms of domestic violence in India and their causes.

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

10×2=20

- (a) What do you understand by the term “gender stereotype?”
- (b) Name a partition novel written by a female Bengali writer as referred to by Jasodhara Bagchi in the book *Trauma and Triumph : Gender and Partition in Eastern India*.
- (c) What was the chief provision of the Marriage Laws (Amendment) Bill of 2010?
- (d) Mention any two personal laws relating to women’s rights to property and its use.
- (e) Name any two women’s organisations that were active in the public arena during the Nationalist Movement.
- (f) What role was played by women in the Tebhaga Movement of 1946?
- (g) What is the provision of the Married Women’s Property Act of 1974?
- (h) Which act ensures equal wages for equal work including women in India? When was it enacted?

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- (i) "The women say that you look very mannish" — Bring out the significance of the term "mannish" in the given sentence.
- (j) When did the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act come into force? What is the principal aim of this Act?
- (k) What does the term "Workplace" signify in the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act?
- (l) Discuss any one reason why the author of *Karukku* thinks it would make it easier for the upper castes to dominate the Dalits.
- (m) What kind of social discrimination does Bama undergo as a schoolgirl as described in the novel *Karukku*?
- (n) Why, according to Sister Sara, should men be put in Zenana?
- (o) The protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act (PWDVAS) 2005 belongs to which category of law ?
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