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THIRD SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE (REGULAR/SUPPLEMENTARY) EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2024

(CBCSS)

English

ENG 3E 03—WOMEN'S WRITING

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 30 Weightage

- I. Write short essays on any five of the following in 200 words each:
 - 1 What does Imtiaz Dharker tell us about the fervent desire of schoolgirls?
 - 2 What does the train journey symbolize in the context of the novel Ladies Coupe?
 - 3 Identity and dislocation as depicted in "Question Time" by Meena Alexander.
 - 4 Comment on the historical context of Lalithambika Antharjanam's *The Goddess of Revenge*.
 - 5 According to Sojourner Truth's speech, what are some of the arguments that men have against gender equality, and how does she refute them?
 - 6 How does the poem "I am Not That Woman" present the theme of objectification?
 - 7 What are the major themes in White Teeth?

 $(5 \times 2 = 10 \text{ weightage})$

- II. Write essays on any four of the following in 450 words each:
 - 8 Critically comment on the significance of title, A Vindication of the Rights of Woman with Strictures on Political and Moral Subjects by Mary Wollstonecraft.
 - 9 The novella *Mother of 1084* is an awakening of an apolitical mother. Elucidate.
 - 10 The relationship between feminism and cultural studies as discussed by Tejaswini Niranjana
 - 11 Trace the key concerns in feminist writing with reference to the poems prescribed for study.
 - 12 Discuss in detail the arguments put forward by Sojourner Truth in her speech.
 - 13 Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's "Dear Ljeawele or a Feminist Manifesto in Fifteen Suggestions" encourages parents to debunk the popular gender myths. Explain.

 $(4 \times 5 = 20 \text{ weightage})$