



বিদ্যাসাগর বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY

B.A. Honours Examination 2021

(CBCS)

4th Semester

ENGLISH

PAPER—GE4T

Full Marks : 60

Time : 3 Hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks.

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

Attempt any one option.

GE4T : (Option A) GENDER & HUMAN RIGHTS

Answer any four questions.

4×15

1. How does Meena Kandasamy denounce the notions of caste and gender marginalization in her poem “Aggression”?
2. Meena Kandasamy uses her poetry as a means of violent resistance to patriarchy. Elucidate with reference to the poem “Aggression”.

3. Discuss how Temsula Ao's short story "Laburnum for My Head" depicts a close bonding between women and nature.
4. Consider Temsula Ao's short story "Laburnum For My Head" as a woman's quest for identity in a patriarchal society.
5. Critically analyse the significance of the title of Manjula Padmanabhan's play *Lights Out*.
6. How is the theme of gender inequality and women's subjugation presented in Manjula Padmanabhan's play *Lights Out*?
7. Virginia Woolf's essay "Professions for Women" is a text that subverts the submissive image of women in the Victorian society. Justify with reference to the text.
8. Discuss with reference to "Professions for Women" the opinions of Virginia Woolf on the personal and social obstacles that women face when they enter the work place.

GE4T : (Option B) ENVIRONMENT & LITERATURE

Answer any *four* questions.

4×15

1. Write a brief essay on Third World Environmentalism.
2. What is Deep Ecology? What are the basic principles of Deep Ecology?
3. Consider Hopkins's "Binsey Poplars" as a poem which advocates environmental awareness.

4. Write a note on Hopkins's use of imagery and symbols in "Binsey Poplars".
5. Critically examine how Mahasweta Devi explores the issues of physical dislocation and cultural degeneration of Adivasi community in "Pterodactyl, Puran Sahay, and Pirtha".
6. Consider how the man-nature relationship is represented in "Pterodactyl, Puran Sahay, and Pirtha".
7. How does nature play a major role in the development of the character of Bisnu in "Dust on the Mountains"?
8. Discuss Ruskin Bond's "Dust on the Mountains" as a story highlighting the issue of deforestation on the mountains in the wake of modernisation.
