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VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY

Question Paper

B.A. General Examinations 2021

(Under CBCS Pattern)

Semester - III

Subject: ENGLISH

Paper : DSC 1C/2C-T

Contemporary India: Women and Empowerment

Full Marks : 60

Time : 3 Hours

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

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Group - A

Answer **any four** of the following:

12×4=48

1. Show how sex and gender are the two different constructs of the patriarchal power structure.
2. Write a brief essay on women's participation in the Freedom Movement.
3. Write an essay on the relation between women's rights and personal laws in the Indian context.
4. What is domestic violence? Evaluate the legal and social provisions that exist in India against domestic violence.

5. Comment on the efficiency of the provisions available under the Sexual Harassment at the Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition, Redressal) Act, 2013.
6. Women have been viewed as possessions to defend and control. Examine the statement in the context of women's narratives of the Partition.
- 7.(a) Describe how Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain has created a feminist utopia in her story "*Sultana's Dream*".

or

- (b) How has Bama treated the issue of caste oppression within the Catholic church in her novel *Karukku*?
- 8.(a) Comment on the role of Jnanadanandini Devi in the women's movement of 19th century Bengal.

or

- (b) What are the issues raised by Urvashi Butalia in "*Beginnings*".

Group - B

Answer **any six** of the following:

2×6=12

1. In which year was the National Policy for Women adopted by the Government of India?
 2. What is the main purpose of the Domestic Violence Act, 2005?
 3. In which year was the National Commission for Women established? Who was the first chairperson of the Commission?
 4. What is female foeticide?
 5. Mention any two laws related to women's inheritance of properties in marriage.
 6. What is ICC and how is it related to women's grievances?
 7. Who is the author of the book *The Reluctant Debutante*?
 8. When and where was "*Sultana's Dream*" first published in English?
 9. Who is the author of *Law and Gender Inequality*? When was it first published?
 10. Why does Bama use the word 'Karukku' as the title of her novel?
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