

**3 (Sem-5/CBCS) ENG RG 1**

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( Held in 2022 )

**ENGLISH**

Paper : ENG-RG-5016

**( Contemporary India : Women and  
Empowerment )**

( Regular Generic )

*Full Marks : 80*

*Time : 3 hours*

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks  
for the questions*

1. Answer the following as directed :  $1 \times 10 = 10$
- (a) What is patriarchy?
  - (b) "One is not born but rather becomes a woman." Who made this statement?
  - (c) Who is known as the first modern feminist?
  - (d) The Chipko movement was initiated from which place?
  - (e) Who was the first President of Indian Women's Association formed in 1917?

- (f) Name the scheme that provides education for girls and their welfare.
- (g) The term gender identity was originally coined by \_\_\_\_.
- ( Fill in the blank )
- (h) Who wrote *Three Essays on the Sexuality*?
- (i) Who coined the term 'Queer Theory'?
- (j) Name one famous Indian eco-feminist.

2. Answer the following :  $2 \times 5 = 10$

- (a) Write a note on the 'Reservation for Women' in urban local governance.
- (b) Write a note on the impact of women's political participation on their standing in Indian society.
- (c) What are the laws that protect women from domestic violence?
- (d) "Panchayats under the shadow of the 'khaps' will continue gender inequalities in India." State your opinion.
- (e) Write in brief on women's relationship with nature.

3. Answer any four of the following :  $5 \times 4 = 20$

- (a) Write in brief on the ideological movement emerged as a response to the large-scale destruction of environment and the subsequent impact on women.
- (b) Why educating women is important for nation building? How self-fashioning of woman can contribute in this process?
- (c) What are the Constitutional rights enjoyed by women in India? Discuss.
- (d) How the Article 14 of the Indian Constitution is valuable for women? Discuss.
- (e) How far the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 has benefited women in different spheres of life?
- (f) Write on the effectiveness of the Sexual Harassment at the Workplace Act, 2013.

4. Answer any four of the following :  $10 \times 4 = 40$

- (a) Discuss gender as a social construct.
- (b) Discuss the role of woman in India's struggle for independence.
- (c) Write an essay on the major issues related to women's rights as raised by reformers in 19th century India.

- (d) How women led the indigenous struggle of Chipko movement? Discuss.
- (e) How female foeticide have increased gender disparity, loss of lives and violence against women and children?
- (f) How does Kamala Das compose the dominance of patriarchy and her struggle against it in her poem, *The Old Play House*?
- (g) Write a note on the portrayal of motherhood in Mahasweta Devi's *Mother of 1084*.
- (h) "While writing *Zindaginama*, I tried to focus on a precise and dramatic recall of peasant speech." *Krishna Sobti*  
Write your view on the statement made by the author with reference to her novel, *Zindaginama*.

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