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B.B.A.-A.H./B.C.A./B.S.W./B.Sc.(LRP) Degree (CBCSS – OBE – Reg./Supp./
Imp.) Examination, April 2021
(2019 Admission Onwards)
COMMON COURSE IN ENGLISH
2A04ENG – Readings on Gender**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 40

A. Write an essay (200-250 words) on **any one** of the following :

- 1) The battle against injustice led by Dakshayani Velayudhan had two dimensions to it : i) as a woman's struggle against patriarchy, ii) an untouchable's struggle against casteism. Discuss.
- 2) Elaborate on public discourse versus private discourse in relation to the family in the story "Is This Desirable". (1×8=8)

B. Write an essay (200-250 words) on **any one** of the following :

- 3) "Still I Rise" is a powerful assertion of the voice of the oppressed and the downtrodden. Discuss.
- 4) The machinations of power are clearly visible when we look at the kinds of structural violence unleashed at the trans people. Discuss. (1×8=8)

C. Answer **any four** of the following in a paragraph **each** (80-100 words) :

- 5) What were the obstacles that Dakshayani Velayudhan had to deal with in terms of casteism ?
- 6) The role of Yogakshema Sabha in the empowerment of Namboothiri women.
- 7) What is the role assigned to women in a capitalist, consumerist society ?
- 8) How is gender and budget linked ?
- 9) Clothing is a political question around which patriarchal control operates. Discuss.
- 10) What are the lessons that *Melmundusamaram* leaves behind ? (4×4=16)

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D. Answer **any eight** of the following in **two** or **three** sentences :

- 11) Who is the "perfect mother" according to Shashi Deshpande ?
- 12) What is femininity ?
- 13) What do customs and tradition do to the womenfolk according to the poet Kishwar Naheed ?
- 14) What is understood by the term cisgender ?
- 15) What is understood by "caste morality" ?
- 16) What happened to Kunjumol's songs ?
- 17) Why is it that trans woman are disowned at a higher rate than trans men ?
- 18) What is stereotypical representation ?
- 19) What is meant by Social Conditioning ?
- 20) What was Chanar Lahala about ?
- 21) What does the phrase "very brown" indicate in the poem "An Introduction" ?
- 22) What is George Gerbner's comment on the role of media in our lives ? **(8×1=8)**



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A . Write an essay (200 – 250 words) on **any one** of the following :

1) Language is the site of resistance where the ideological structures created by patriarchy are dismantled. Analyse the statement with reference to "An Introduction".

2) Dakshayani Velayudhan was the child of social change. Explain. (1×8=8)

B. Write an essay (200 – 250 words) on **any one** of the following :

3) Gender sensitive journalism is imperative to the modernisation of our society. Discuss with reference to the essay "Gender Justice and the Media".

4) Capitalism objectifies/commodifies the female. Discuss with reference to the poem "I am Not That Woman". (1×8=8)

C. Answer **any four** of the following in a paragraph each (80 – 100 words) :

5) Describe the content of Dakshayani Velayudhan's first speech in the Constituent Assembly.

6) Discuss the stereotypical image of a perfect mother as portrayed in the movies.

7) Write a note on the character of Pappi.

8) How are women represented in history ? Discuss.

9) What are the multiple exclusions faced by the trans people ?

10) What is GMMP ? What are the key findings of the GMMP 2010 ? (4×4=16)

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D. Answer **any eight** of the following In **two** or **three** sentences :

- 11) Define gender.
 - 12) What is meant by Structural Violence ?
 - 13) What was the organisation founded by Dakshayani Velayudhan in 1977 ?
 - 14) What is Bernard Shaw's opinion about parenthood ?
 - 15) Who wrote the book *A Very Easy Death* ?
 - 16) How did the article in *Yogakshemam* affect Pappi ?
 - 17) Who is the speaker in the poem "Still I Rise" ?
 - 18) What does the refrain "I am Not That Woman" signify ?
 - 19) What was the judgement/rule made by the Supreme Court on April 15, 2014 ?
 - 20) What is meant by "Public Sphere" ?
 - 21) Who wrote the poem "Kitchen Rags" ?
 - 22) What are the reasons for the high dropout rate of trans people from schools ?
- (8x1=8)**

