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**Sixth Semester B.A. Degree (C.B.C.S.S.-OBE – Regular/Supplementary/  
Improvement) Examination, April 2024  
(2019 to 2021 Admissions)  
CORE COURSE IN ENGLISH  
6B13ENG : Women's Writing**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 40

I. Write an essay of about **200** words on **any one** of the following : (1×8=8)

- 1) Discuss the significance of the title "In Search of Our Mother's Gardens" by Alice Walker. How does Walker explore the theme of creativity and self-discovery in the essay ?
- 2) How does Butler challenge the traditional understanding of gender identity through performative acts in her essay "Performative Acts and Gender Constitution" ?

II. Write an essay of about **200** words on **any one** of the following : (1×8=8)

- 1) Explain the socio-cultural implications in Mahasweta Devi's *Bayen*. How does the play reflect issues related to women and society ?
- 2) Explore the role of space and confinement in Emma Donoghue's *Room* and its impact on the characters.

III. Answer **any four** of the following in **not** more than **80** words. (4×4=16)

- 1) Discuss the role of women in society as depicted in Tahmima Anam's story "Garments".
- 2) Discuss the significance of the title "Phenomenal Women" by Maya Angelou in relation to women's empowerment.

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- 3) Analyze the feminist perspectives in Gwendolyn Brooks' "The Mother".
- 4) Explore the theme of female oppression in the short story 'The Yellow Wallpaper' by Charlotte Perkins Gilman.
- 5) Discuss the symbolism of the deer in 'A Deer in the Forest' by Ambai.
- 6) How does Kishwar Naheed react to the abuse of women ?

IV. Answer **any eight** out of the following questions in **one** or **two** sentences.

(8×1=8)

- 1) Who is the protagonist in "Garments" by Tahmima Anam, and what challenges does she face ?
  - 2) What symbolic significance does the character Bayen hold in *Bayen* ?
  - 3) Identify one historical figure featured in the play *Top Girls*.
  - 4) Who is the narrator of Emma Donoghue's novel *Room* ?
  - 5) Identify one coping mechanism employed by Ma in *Room*.
  - 6) What emotion does Mrs. Mallard experience upon learning about her husband's death ?
  - 7) What significant event prompts the boss to reminisce about his son ?
  - 8) Identify one literary device used by Sarah Joseph to convey her ideas.
  - 9) Why should the Bayen Keep out of Malindar's path ?
  - 10) What is the present Ma has for Jack on his actual birthday ?
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Improvement) Examination, April 2023  
(2019 and 2020 Admissions)  
CORE COURSE IN ENGLISH  
6B13ENG : Women's Writing**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 40

I. Write an essay of about **200** words on **any one** of the following :

- 1) How does Alice Walker weave in the elements of racism and sexism in her essay In Search of her Mother's Garden ?
- 2) How does Butler delineate the similarities and differences between the feminist and phenomenological definitions of the body ? **(1×8=8)**

II. Write an essay of about **200** words on **any one** of the following :

- 1) How does the patriarchal society in "Bayan" treat women and denote their position in the society ?
- 2) Discuss the TV as a major symbolic element that structures the worldview of both Ma and Jack. **(1×8=8)**

III. Answer **any four** of the following in **not** more than **80** words :

- 1) Comment on the literary and historical context of Aunt Jennifer's Tigers.
- 2) What are the oppressive elements that work against women empowerment, according to Kishwar Naheed ?
- 3) How does Polanco's 'Identity' reject the notion of conformity and celebrate individuality ?

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- 4) Comment on the empowered woman in 'Phenomenal Woman' ?
- 5) How does Brooks explore the complex topic of abortion in her poem 'The Mother' ?
- 6) What is the central idea discussed in Dharker's 'Another Woman' ? (4×4=16)

IV. Answer **any eight** out of the following questions in **one** or **two** sentences :

- 1) Who is Patient Griselda ?
- 2) Who does the 'Fly' represent ?
- 3) What is the men's attitude to the woman writer's works ?
- 4) What is Athai's strong belief and how does she endure the harsh treatment from her family ?
- 5) Who is called a "bayen" ?
- 6) What is the central theme of the short story "Garments" ?
- 7) Who is Jack ?
- 8) What is the psychological state of the narrator in story "The Yellow Wallpaper" ?
- 9) Why is Louise Mallard happy even when she faces an unfortunate situation ?
- 10) Who is Lady Nijo ?

(8×1=8)



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(2019 Admission)  
CORE COURSE IN ENGLISH  
6B13ENG : Women's Writing**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 40

- I. Write an essay of about **200** words on **any one** of the following : **(1×8=8)**
- 1) How does Alice Walker describe her mother ?
  - 2) Examine how Butler critiques gender as constructed in a binary, and drives forward the notion that biological sex is distinct from gender.
- II. Write an essay of about **200** words on **any one** of the following : **(1×8=8)**
- 3) Examine how Bayen represents the subjugation of women in the patriarchal society.
  - 4) Describe how "The Yellow Wallpaper" illustrates the attitudes towards mental and physical health of women in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.
- III. Answer **any four** of the following in **not** more than **80** words : **(4×4=16)**
- 5) Botanical imagery in the poem "Identity".
  - 6) How does Atwood bring in the image of death in "This is a Photograph of Me" ?
  - 7) What is referred to as 'Massive weight' in "Aunt Jennifer's Tiger" ?
  - 8) What makes the speaker a 'Phenomenal Woman' ?
  - 9) How is the theme of oppression dealt with in the poem "Another Women" ?
  - 10) Portrayal of woman writer in "Inside Every Woman Writer" ?

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IV. Answer **eight** of the following in **one** or **two** sentences : ..... (8x1=8)

- 11) How did the doctor describe Louise's death in "The Story of an Hour" ?
- 12) Who narrates the story in "The Yellow Wallpaper" and in what form ?
- 13) What makes Athai 'hollow' ?
- 14) Who are the three 'garment girls' in Tahmima Anam's "Garments" ?
- 15) Why is the woman writer feeling perplexed ?
- 16) What did the Boss do to the fly ?
- 17) Who is Chandidasi ?
- 18) How did Chandidasi become a Bayen ?
- 19) Why is Marlene throwing a dinner party in *Top Girls* ?
- 20) Who is Angie's real mother ?

Write an essay of about 200 words on any one of the following : (1x8=8)

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3) Describe how "The Yellow Wallpaper" illustrates the attitudes towards mental and physical health of women in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Answer any four of the following in not more than 80 words : (4x4=16)

- 1) Botanical imagery in the poem "Identity".
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