



B.A. IV Semester Degree Examination, September/October - 2023

OPTIONAL ENGLISH

DSC - 8 : Gender Studies

Time : 2 Hours

Maximum Marks : 60

SECTION - A

I. Answer the following questions in a word, phrase or a sentence each. **10x1=10**

1. Define "Gender".
2. What is "Queer Studies" ?
3. Mention any one type of Masculinity according to R.W. Connell.
4. What is Patriarchal Society ?
5. Who is the narrator in "The Quilt" ?
6. What is the incident in the poem "The Incident and After" ?
7. Whom does the speaker address in "The Old Playhouse" ?
8. What does the "Whip" symbolize in the poem "Woman" ?
9. Kashibai's earliest essay was published in _____.
10. What is the major obstacle for women's education ?

SECTION - B

II. Answer **any four** of the following questions. **4x5=20**

1. Describe the main patterns of Masculinity according to Connell.
2. Explain the Kamala Bhasin's concept of Patriarchy.
3. Write a short note on Gynocentrism and Dichotomy.
4. What role does the practice of "Purdah" play in Ismat Chughtai's "The Quilt" ?
5. Discuss the theme of "Frustration in Love" with reference to Kamala Das's "The Old Playhouse".
6. What kind of role did "Prarthana Samaja" play in the education of women ? Discuss with reference to Kanitkar's "My Education" ?



SECTION - C

III. Answer **any three** of the following questions.

3x10=30

1. Write in detail about the concepts of Sex and Gender. List out the differences.
2. Explain the key concept of R.W. Connell's "Masculinities".
3. Discuss in detail about the struggles of Sirajuddin in quest of his daughter.
4. Evaluate the concept of identity and gender discrimination in the poem "Namesake".
5. Critically analyse the essay "My Education" by Kanitkar.

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