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(2020 Admission Onwards)
COMMON COURSE IN ENGLISH
2A04 ENG – Readings on Gender

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 40

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

- 1) Discuss the portrayal of motherhood in Sashi Deshpande's *Learning to be a Mother*.
- 2) The issue of gender roles addressed in Lalithambika Antharjanam's *Is this Desirable*. (1×8=8)

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

- 3) Examine the role of identity revealed in the poem, "Still I Rise".
- 4) How does the author, K.M. Sheeba, convey the cultural importance of clothing in Kerala ? (1×8=8)

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

- 5) Cultural stereotyping in the poem, "An Introduction".
- 6) Imagery and symbolism in the poem, "Kitchen Rags".
- 7) Channar movement as a movement to empower women.
- 8) Image of motherhood shown in movies.
- 9) How does the poem, "I am not that woman" challenged the traditional gender roles ?
- 10) What is the importance of monitoring media ? (4×4=16)

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

- 11) Examples provided by Ammu Joseph on gender bias in the media.
- 12) How does Semmalar address trans struggle for dignity ?
- 13) Quote the words made by Ambedkar about the Dalit community, referred by Semmalar.
- 14) What is the significance of the repeated phrase, "Still I Rise" in Maya Angelou's poem.
- 15) How does the poet engage with the idea of domesticity in the poem, "Kitchen Rags" ?
- 16) What does the poet mean by the line, "I am sinner, I am saint" ?
- 17) What was the content of the Royal Proclamation of 1834 ?
- 18) Who was Dakshayani Velayudhan ?
- 19) What do clothes symbolise as pointed out in "Clothing Matters" ?
- 20) What are the key themes Semmalar emphasizes regarding trans struggle ?
- 21) Specify the poetic devices used by Naheed in "I am not that woman".
- 22) How do Sashi Deshpande conclude her essay, "Learning to be a Mother" ? (8×1=8)