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Second Semester Integrated M.Sc. Degree (Reg./Supple./imp.) Examination, April 2024 (2020 Admission Onwards)

COMMON COURSE IN ENGLISH 2 A 04 ENG : Readings on Gender

Time: 3 Hours Max. Marks: 40

- A. Write an essay (200-250 words) on any one of the following.
  - 1) "Learning to be a Mother" as an attempt to demystify the concept of motherhood. Substantiate.
  - $(1 \times 8 = 8)$ Issues of gender addressed in the poem, "An Introduction".
- B. Write an essay (200-250 words) on any one of the following.
  - 3) The struggle of trans people discussed in the essay, "Structural Violence and Trans Struggle for Dignity".
  - 4) Clothing Matters: Visiting the Melmundu Samaram in Kerala as a turning point in the social history of Kerala.  $(1 \times 8 = 8)$
- C. Answer any four of the following in a paragraph each (80-100 words).
  - Describe the transformation of the kitchen rags.
  - The mass media today as omnipresent and omnipotent.
  - The metaphors used in the poem, "Still I Rise".
  - The image of mother discussed in "Learning to be a Mother".
  - 9) Comment on the title, is this Desirable?
  - 10) The note of warning by the poet in the poem, "I am not that Woman".  $(4 \times 4 = 16)$

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- D. Answer any eight of the following in two or three sentences.
  - 11) What is the significance of the title, "An Introduction" ?
  - 12) How did pulayas gain entry to the agricultural exhibition held in Ernakulam?
  - 13) What happened to the realisation gained by Sashi Deshpande as she grew older?
  - 14) What is the perfect motherhood according to the author?
  - 15) What are the doubts and agonies of a new mother?
  - 16) How does granny react when Unni shouts at his wife?
  - 17) What was NP's reaction to the rejoinder penned by an Antharjanam appeared in the paper?
  - 18) What does, "oil wells in the living room" signify?
  - 19) Who is the 'you' mentioned in the poem, "I am not that Woman"?
  - 20) What is the result of the exclusion of trans people in employment?
  - 21) What do you mean by stereotyped presentation? 22) Who are the audience of Still I Rise?

 $(8 \times 1 = 8)$