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IV Semester M.A. Degree (C.B.S.S. – Reg./Supple./Imp.)
Examination, April 2023
(2019 Admission Onwards)
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE
ENG4C13 – Women's Writing

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

- I. Write an essay of **350** words on **one** of the following :
- 1) Trace the history of Women's Writing in India.
 - 2) Discuss the systematic neglect of women's experience in the traditional literary canon and the emergence of feminist alternatives. **(1×10=10)**
- II. Write an essay of **350** words on **one** of the following :
- 3) Examine the theme of Racial Segregation in *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*.
 - 4) Discuss how body functions as a dystopic symbol of power, authority, and control in *The Handmaid's Tale*. **(1×10=10)**
- III. Write an essay of **350** words on **one** of the following :
- 5) Discuss how Butler's notion of gender performativity.
 - 6) How does Elaine Showalter discuss women's literary tradition in "A Literature of their Own"? **(1×10=10)**
- IV. Write an essay of **350** words on **one** of the following :
- 7) Examine the significance of the play *Votes for Women* in the Suffrage movement.
 - 8) How does Maria Irene give expression to the overpowering issues of female self-directed oppression in *Fefu and her Friends*? **(1×10=10)**

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- V. Annotate **any four** of the following :
- 9) All men other than Chennamallikarjuna
Are faces to be shunned, see, brother.
 - 10) I speak three languages, write in
Two, dream in one
 - 11) We come to hell through a big mouth.
 - 12) He has vanished whence he came, my nimble enemy;
 - 13) Man is evil,
I say aloud.
Man is a flower
That should be burnt;
I say aloud
 - 14) He did not beat me
But my sad woman-body felt so beaten. **(4×5=20)**
- VI. Write a paragraph **each** on **any four** of the following :
- 15) Juxtaposition of love and death in "The Company of Lovers".
 - 16) Retelling of the fairy tale in "Briar Rose"
 - 17) Sappho's thoughts on the institution of marriage.
 - 18) Gynocriticism
 - 19) Phallocentrism
 - 20) Judith Butler. **(4×5=20)**