

U.G. 5th Semester Examination - 2021**ENGLISH****[HONOURS]****Course Code : ENGH-CC-T-11**

Full Marks : 60

Time : 2½ Hours

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.**Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.***GROUP-A**1. Answer any **ten** of the following questions: 2×10=20

- a) What is 'I'm "wife" - I've finished that -' by Emily Dickinson about?
- b) Why does the "caged bird" sing?
- c) Is Sylvia Plath's "Daddy" a confessional poem ?
- d) Describe Dickinson's images, intentions, and sources in " I cannot live with you?"
- e) As an upper-middle class woman in Britain in the early 1900s, Bertha's life in " Bliss" is defined by the rules of propriety. Why ?

- f) Write down the painful metaphors that Plath depicts to show her own opinion of her father in "Daddy."
- g) In "I'm wife" — I've finished that—"Dickinson takes an innovative approach. What is it ?
- h) Bertha in Mansfield's "Bliss" thinks that civilized society is "idiotic." Why?
- i) Do you think "Amar Jiban", published in the year 1876, chronicles for us the struggles of an upper class woman from rural Bengal ?
- j) A feminist Draupadi grows all along the text in her arguments, logic and sense of right and wrong in Mahashweta Devi's "Draupadi". Do you agree?
- k) "Peel off the napkin
O my enemy.
Do I terrify?" Explain.
- l) Maya Angelou's "Caged Bird" is famous for its intimate description of freedom. Do you agree?
- m) "Amar Jiban" talks of Rassundari's life on a-whole. Write some of the autobiographical instances.
- n) What does "Lady Lazarus" think about life and death?

- o) Why is the story called "Bliss?"
2. Answer any **four** of the following questions: $5 \times 4 = 20$
- a) Would you consider Sylvia Plath's "Daddy" to be an expression against the voice of patriarchy? Comment critically.
- b) Somewhat unusually among Dickinson's most celebrated poems, 'I cannot live with You' is a love poem. Do you agree?
- c) How does Maya Angelou contrast the Free Bird and the Caged Bird ?
- d) How does Katherine Mansfield reveal the irony in the story " Bliss?"What literary elements are used to reveal the irony?
- e) In " Amar Jiban" Rassundari Devi had shown an unshakeable trust in the Almighty. Elucidate.
- f) Is "Draupadi " by Mahasweta Devi a"Portrait of inequality?"

GROUP - B

3. Answer any **one** of the following questions: $10 \times 1 = 10$
- a) Why was this novel titled *The Color Purple*?
- b) How do the male characters in *The Color Purple* shape, break or have other influence over the females?

4. Answer any **one** of the following questions: $10 \times 1 = 10$
- a) How does Wollstonecraft subvert traditional gender norms in the style of her writing?
- b) As a learned scholar of her own tradition, Ramabai Ranade vigorously questioned the status of women within Hinduism. How?
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