

SIXTH SEMESTER B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, MARCH 2019

(CUCBCSS)

English

ENG 6B 03—WOMEN'S WRITING

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer the following bunches of questions :

1 Who is hailed as the founder mother of Gynocriticism ?

- (a) Virginia Woolf. (b) Elaine Showalter.
(c) Kamala Das. (d) Helene Cixous.

2 Kamala Das asserts that she speaks _____ languages.

- (a) One. (b) Two.
(c) Three. (d) Four.

3 _____ is the sacred ground where the aboriginals would dance, sing and hold ceremonies.

- (a) Bora ring. (b) Corroboree.
(c) Gaphembah. (d) Moongalba.

4 _____ symbolizes the freedom of spirit that Aunt Jennifer dreams of.

- (a) Wedding band. (b) Cloth.
(c) Tiger. (d) Ordeals.

5 The little girl leaves home with her family to her _____.

- (a) Father's ancestral home. (b) Mother's paternal home.
(c) Father's friend's home. (d) Mother's friend's home.

6 Laurie is the _____ of Laura.

- (a) Brother. (b) Sister.
(c) Mother. (d) Servant.

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- 7 Bhagirath is the _____ of Chandidasi.
- (a) Husband. (b) Son.
(c) Brother. (d) Father.
- 8 _____ is the childhoodmate of Havva.
- (a) Hassan. (b) Ahoo.
(c) Hooraa. (d) kitty.
- 9 _____ is the daughter of Lakshmi and Prithvi.
- (a) Ahoo. (b) Divya.
(c) Vidya. (d) Devi.
- 10 _____ is the narrator of the part one of *The Wide Sargasso Sea*.
- (a) Antoinette. (b) Annette.
(c) Christophine. (d) Mr. Mason.

(10 × 1 = 10 marks)

II. Answer any *ten* of the following questions in two or three sentences :

- 11 What was the setting of Virginia Woolfs book *A Room of One's Own* ?
- 12 Why women objected to Contagious Diseases Act ?
- 13 What does Kamala Das mean when she says that the medium is not significant ?
- 14 Why the tribesmen were ' silent and subdued' ?
- 15 How is Aunt Jennifer affected by the 'weight of matrimony' ?
- 16 Why is the narrator leaving for the Naani's house ?
- 17 Why is Laura said to be a difficult character ?
- 18 Why were the people envious of Malinder and his family ?
- 19 What is the film *The Day I Became a Woman* about ?
- 20 Who is Lakshmi's chat friend Mitr ?
- 21 When did the Bayen begin to feel pain while burying children ?
- 22 Why does Annette is embarrassed that Antoinette is so unpresentable ?

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

III. Answer any *four* of the following questions in a *paragraph* of 100 words :

- 23 Explain Das' encounter with a man ?
- 24 Why did the narrator refuse to be worshipped on Ashtami day ?
- 25 Why did Laura feel upset in the dead man's house ?
- 26 How does Ahoo try to free herself from the clutches of male dominated society ?
- 27 Elucidate the cultural differences portrayed in the film *Mitr : My Friend*.
- 28 Narrate the circumstances that led Chandidasi to bury children ?

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)

IV. Answer any *two* of the following questions in 300 words :

- 29 Elucidate how Showalter traces a tradition of women's literature in her essay.
- 30 Attempt a feminist reading of the poem "She rose to His Requirement".
- 31 Write a critical appreciation of the poem *Aunt Jennifer's Tiger*.
- 32 Discuss the major theme of 'The Garden Party'.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)