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Sixth Semester B.A. Degree Examination, April 2025

First Degree Programme under CBCSS

English Language and Literature

Core Course — XI

EN 1641 : GENDER STUDIES

(2020 Admission Onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

- I. Answer **all** questions, each in a word or a sentence.
1. Name the protagonist's mother in the novel Meridian.
2. Name the autobiography of A. Revathi.
3. The term heteronormativity was coined by _____.
4. Name two Dalit women poets.
5. Who coined the term Gender performativity?
6. Name any work by Maya Angelou.
7. What does 'I' in LGBTQI stand for?
8. When was article 377 removed?
9. Which tribe is focused in Draupadi by Mahasweta Devi?
10. Name two African American women poets.

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

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- II. Answer **any eight**, each in a short paragraph not exceeding **50** words.
11. Write a note on Dalit Feminism.
 12. What do you mean by the term heteronormativity?
 13. What is the main idea highlighted in the poem Phenomenal Woman?
 14. What is the story of Mayil amma : The Life of a Tribal Eco-Warrior?
 15. Explain the term Gender Justice.
 16. Distinguish between sex and gender.
 17. Non-normative Sexualities.
 18. Vijila Chirappad's poem 'Wasteland' is a critique of our society. Substantiate.
 19. Islamic Feminism.
 20. Comment on the term identities.
 21. Briefly describe how Atwood combines mythology and contemporary concerns in her poem "Helen of Troy Does Countertop Dancing".
 22. Explain the term LGBTQI.

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

- III. Answer **any six**, each in a paragraph not exceeding **100** words.
23. Comment on Feminisms.
 24. How does Bell Hooks define feminism?
 25. Examine the main arguments on sexuality put forward by Niveditha Menon.
 26. Character of Dopdi Mejhen in Mahasweta Devi's 'Draupadi'.
 27. Throw light on the character of Meridian.

- 28. How does Kandasamy criticize the Devadasi tradition in 'Mascara'?
- 29. Write a note on sexualities.
- 30. Elucidate the structure of the poem "Helen of Troy Does Countertop Dancing".
- 31. Record your observation on gender discrimination and patriarchy that is manifested in our daily lives.

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

- IV. Answer **any two**, in about **300** words.
- 32. Explain the struggles of the protagonist in Alice Walker's novel.
 - 33. Examine Gender and Sexuality as Cultural Constructs.
 - 34. Discuss the major issues and concerns put forward by Dalit Feminism.
 - 35. Mahasweta Devi's 'Draupadi' is a portrayal of Resistance. Discuss.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)
