

English [Minor]

[NEP-CBCS]

B.A. First Semester End Examination-2023

PAPER: ENG-M1 01

Full Marks: 60

Time: 03Hrs

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.

1. Attempt any two questions taking one from each group:

2x10 = 20

Group A

- i) Critically comment on Elizabeth Barrett Browning's feelings revealed in the poem "How Do I Love Thee".
- ii) Discuss "Uphill" as an allegorical poem.

Group B

- iii) Discuss *Sultana's Dream* as a dream of women's empowerment.
- iv) Consider *Amar Jiban* as a story of a woman who stood up against patriarchy in the 19th century Bengal.

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2. Answer any four questions of the following: **4x5 = 20**

- i) Give the character sketch of Sister Sara in Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain's *Sultana's Dream*.
- ii) Discuss Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain's *Sultana's Dream* as a science fiction.
- iii) What are the ideas about love conveyed in "Sonnet 43" by Elizabeth Barrett Browning?
- iv) Write in brief the childhood days of the author in *Amar Jiban*.
- v) How does Rassundari Devi focus on the issue of child marriage in *Amar Jiban*?
- vi) *Explain* : "And I – Could I stand by
And see you – freeze -
Without my Right of Frost –
Death's privilege?"
- vii) Examine how the metaphorical structure and style of the poem "Uphill" emphasize its central theme.
- viii) How does Kamala Das represent the voice of women in the poem "The Looking Glass"?

3. Answer any ten questions of the following: **10x2 = 20**

- i) What does the 'road' symbolize in the poem "Uphill"?
- ii) How long will the day's journey take?
- iii) What is the significance of the 'inn' in "Uphill"?
- iv) Who is 'sexton' in "I Cannot Live with You"?

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- v) Why does the poet consider 'Death' as a privilege in "I Cannot Live with You"?
- vi) Whom does the poet refer to as 'you' in "I Cannot Live with You"?
- vii) In which collection of poetry "How do I Love Thee" was included? When was it published?
- viii) What does the phrase 'Sun and Candle light' refer to?
- ix) Mention two characteristics of Petrarchan Sonnets.
- x) Who is the presumed speaker in "How Do I Love Thee" and what is the presumed subject of the poem?
- xi) When was the Muslim Women's Association, an organization that fought for women's education and employment, founded and by whom?
- xii) What is 'mardana' in Ladyland?
- xiii) What happened to the advancing army when the Lady Principal took over the command?
- xiv) Why does Rassundari Devi call herself 'caged bird'?
- xv) Explain the term 'endless female hungers' in the poem "The Looking Glass" by Kamala Das.
