

English [Honours]

[CBCS]

B.A. Fifth Semester End Examination-2023

(Regular & Supplementary Paper)

PAPER-HCC12

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) Consider Kamala Das's poem "An Introduction" as a confessional poem.
- ii) Elucidate how Plath's use of literary devices convey the problems of patriarchal society.

Group B

- iii) Discuss how Alice Walker's *The Color Purple* documents the traumas and gradual triumph of an African-American Woman.

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iv) Consider Rassundari Debi as an early Feminist as revealed in *Amar Jiban*.

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

- i) Comment on the speaker's portrayal of her 'daddy' in Plath's poem 'Daddy'.
- ii) Bring out the significance of using the name of an epical heroine for a tribal woman in Mahasweta Devi's "Draupadi".
- iii) Comment on the ending of the poem "I cannot live with You".
- iv) What advice does Eunice de Souza give to her readers in the poem, "Advice to Women"?
- v) "I am sinner,/ I am saint. I am the beloved and the/Betrayed" Explain the paradox.
- vi) How does Baby Kamble bring out the internal conflicts within the Mahar community in his autobiography?
- vii) Write a note on the symbolic significance of sewing in Alice Walker's *The Color Purple*.
- viii) Describe briefly how Rassundari Debi taught herself to read.

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

- i) What are the three phases of Womens Writing as discussed by Showalter?

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- ii) Who is the author of *Sexual Politics*? Who wrote the *Second Sex*?
- iii) What does the 'Swastika' signify in the poem "Daday"?
- iv) What does the 'Severs' mean in the poem "I cannot live with You".
- v) What do the 'great green eyes' symbolize in the poem "Advice to Women"?
- vi) Who are the 'catagorizers' in the poem "An Introduction"?
- vii) 'Make her' – How was Dapdi 'made'?
- viii) Who said 'Ma-ho' in the story "Draupadi"? What does it signify?
- ix) What was Celie's exact reply when Nettie and Kate asked her to fight?
- x) Mention any two actions of Celie that indicates her inner strength.
- xi) What is the original Marathi title Baby Kamble's autobiography? Who translated it into English?
- xii) What is the significance of 'kumkum' for a Maha Woman?
- xiii) When and why did Rassundari Debi compare herself to a 'caged bird'?
- xiv) Name two Indian woman Autobiographers mentioning their respective Autobiography.
- xv) In what context does Rassundari Debi refer to her predicament as that of the 'Sacrificial goat'?