

2021
ENGLISH
[HONOURS]
(CBCS)
(B.A. Fifth Semester End Examination-2021)
PAPER-HCC12

Full Marks: 60

Time: 03 Hrs

*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. 2×10= 20**

Group-A

- (i) How does the poet illustrate the mental condition of the speaker through the use of imagery in the poem "Daddy"?
- (ii) Consider Kamala Das as a feminist poet in the light of the poem you read.

Group-B

- (iii) Discuss the novel *The Color Purple* as a bildungsroman that portrays the protagonist's journey from silence to voice.

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- (iv) Critically evaluate Mahashweta Devi's short story "Draupadi" as a symbol of subaltern defiance.

2. Attempt any four of the following questions.

4×5= 20

- (i) What do oceans and prayer mean in the poem "I cannot live with you".
- (ii) Why does the poet suggest keeping cats in "Advice to Women"?
- (iii) Would you consider "Daddy" as an expression against the voice of patriarchy?
- (iv) Write a short note on the symbolic significance of sewing in the novel *The Color Purple*.
- (v) "The language I speak becomes mine"----
Explain.
- (vi) What is the setting of the story "Draupadi" by Mahasweta Devi?
- (vii) Describe briefly how Rassundari struggled and succeeded in teaching herself to read.

3. Attempt any ten of the following questions.

10×2= 20

- i) What are the themes of confessional poetry?

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- ii) Mention any two autobiography along with the author, other than *Amar Jiban*, written by Indian Women.
- iii) Write down the names of two African-American female writers along with a few of their works.
- iv) What kind of substitute of the father figure does the speaker make in the poem "daddy"?
- v) What is the significance of the swastika in "Daddy"?
- vi) "I am a caged bird" - Who says this ? Why does she say so ?
- vii) What does the poet mean by "death's privilege"?
- viii) How is Celie's journey to heroic female selfhood set in motion at the beginning of the novel *The Color Purple*?
- ix) What does the statement 'I have always been a good girl' reflect in the novel *The Color Purple*?
- x) What does the cat's return to the litter trays signify in "Advice to Women"?
- xi) What does the window symbolise in "Advice to Women"?
- xii) Write the various names of poet mentioned in the poem "An Introduction".

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- xiii) How did the speaker ignore her womanliness in "An Introduction"?
- xiv) What is the meaning of the word "Ma - ho"?
- xv) Who was Senanayak in the story "Draupadi"?
