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Second Semester B.A./B.Sc./B.Com./B.B.A./B.B.A.(T.T.M./R.T.M./A.H.)/
B.T.T.M./B.C.A./B.S.W./B.Sc. (LRP)/B.M.C. Degree (C.B.C.S.S. – O.B.E. –
Supplementary/Improvement) Examination, April 2025
(2019 to 2023 Admissions)

II Semester Integrated M.Sc. (Reg./Supple./Imp.) Examination, April 2025
(2020 Admission Onwards)

COMMON COURSE IN ENGLISH
2A04ENG : Readings on Gender

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 40

- I. Write an essay (200 – 250 words) on **any one** of the following : (1×8=8)
1) Analyse how Deshpande's writing challenge societal norms about women.
2) How does "Kitchen Rags" challenge traditional perceptions of domestic work ?
- II. Write an essay (200 – 250 words) on **any one** of the following : (1×8=8)
3) Discuss "Melmundusamaram" as a significant social reform movement.
4) What message does "I Am Not That Woman" convey to society ?
- III. Answer **any four** of the following in a paragraph. (80 – 100 words) (4×4=16)
5) Discuss how "Is this Desirable ?" challenge traditional gender roles within the family structure.
6) What is the significance of the line "I am Sinner I am saint. I am the beloved and the betrayed" ?
7) How does Angelou use imagery in the poem ?
8) Analyze the symbolism of the dream sequence where N.P. is strangled by a demoness.
9) What were some significant "firsts" in Dakshayani Velayudhan's life ?
10) Explain the concept of Gender-Budgeting.
- IV. Answer **any eight** of the following in **two** or **three** sentences : (8×1=8)
11) What does Kamala Das mean by "I too call myself I" ?
12) Why does Pappi criticize the men who once encouraged Antharjanams to think ?

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- 13) What binary division does media often unquestioningly accept ?
14) What forms of street-based labour do most Trans women engage in ?
15) What image does Kishwar Naheed reject in the final line of "I Am Not That Woman" ?
16) What does the repeated phrase "I rise" symbolize ?
17) How does Deshpande describe her experience of childbirth ?
18) What are the "nuggets of wisdom" that Deshpande is talking about ?
19) What organization did Dakshayani help to form in 1977 ?
20) Who are the Channars ?
21) What is the title of the powerful prose piece written by the Antharjanam in the newspaper ?
22) What is meant by structural violence ?