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IV Semester B.A. Examination, August/September 2023

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OPTIONAL ENGLISH (Paper – IV)

DSC Paper – VIII : Gender Studies (Part – I)

Time : 2½ Hours

Max. Marks : 60

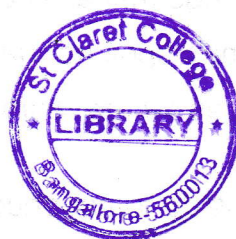
- Instructions :** i) Answer *all* the questions
ii) Write the question numbers *correctly*.

SECTION – A
(Introduction to Gender Studies)

I. Answer **any five** questions :

(5×5=25)

- 1) What is Gynocentrism ?
- 2) What is third gender ?
- 3) Discuss the acronym LGBTQ.
- 4) Discuss the terms agency and autonomy in respect to the body of women.
- 5) What are some of the examples cited by Kamala Bhasin in her essay *On Patriarchy* ?
- 6) What are the aspects controlled by men in a patriarchal society ?
- 7) What are the key concepts of Simone De Beauvoir's work *The Second Sex* ?



SECTION – B

(Short Stories and Writers)

II. Answer **any two** questions :

(2×5=10)

- 1) Why was the young girl excited to be left at Begum Jaan's household ?
- 2) What are your views on Dushyanta from the point of view of patriarchy ?
- 3) Attempt a character sketch of the characters in Abburi Chayadevi's story from a feminist point of view.
- 4) Comment on the symbol of *mangalsutra* as shown in the story *The Incident and After*.

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III. Write short notes on **any one** of the below writers :

(1×5=5)

- 1) Savitribai Phule
- 2) Amrita Pritam
- 3) Padma Anagol

SECTION – C
(Poetry and Novel)

IV. Answer **any two** questions :

(2×5=10)

- 1) How do the poems from *Terigatha* represent women as intellectual beings who aspire for things that are not materialistic ?
- 2) How does a woman spoil her name according to Kamala Das' poem ?
- 3) Mention the places where women encounter stares as per Jayaprabha's poem.
- 4) What oppressions do transgenders face as per the poem *Don't Tell That to Me* ?

V. Answer **any two** questions :

(2×5=10)

- 1) *Dalit women are subjugated to the triple oppression of gender, caste and patriarchy.* Comment on the statement based on *The Prisons We Broke*.
 - 2) What are the social evils discussed in *The Prisons We Broke* ?
 - 3) How does Kamble expose the hypocritical mentality of upper caste sections of Indian society in the novel ?
 - 4) Is there a different Indian society today as compared to the one portrayed by Kamble ?
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