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V Semester B.A. Degree (CBCSS – Suppl./Improve.)  
Examination, November 2021  
CORE COURSE IN ENGLISH  
(2015 – 2018 Adms.)  
5 B10 ENG : Women's Writing

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 40

I. Answer **any one** of the following in about **200** words.

- 1) "They (women) have no past, no history, no religion of their own; and they have no such solidarity of work and interest as that of the proletariat" – Examine this statement in the context of Feminism with reference to Simone de Beauvoir's "Introduction" to *The Second Sex*.
- 2) Attempt a critical evaluation of Mahadevi Verma's "Art of Living". (1×8=8)

II. Answer **any one** of the following in about **200** words.

- 3) "Euripides' Medea represents the rage and strength of a woman and her willingness to take revenge in a patriarchal society" – Explain.
- 4) Illustrate how Alice Walker has depicted the character of Celie as a woman with determination who finally end up as an independent and self-confident individual in *The Color Purple*. (1×8=8)

III. Answer **any four** of the following in about **80** words **each**.

- 5) Attempt a feminist reading of Vaidehi's "An Afternoon with Shakuntala".
- 6) Discuss the central thought in Kate Chopin's "Story of an Hour".
- 7) Victimization of woman as the major concern in Jeelani Bano's "Tamasha".
- 8) Theme of struggle and suffering in 'Lot's Wife'.
- 9) Trace the features of Women's writing with reference to any two poems prescribed for the study.
- 10) "I'm left with a lifeless jewel/And an empty crown" – Explain the context with reference to the character of Draupadi as depicted by Sutapa Bhattacharya. (4×4=16)

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IV. Answer **any eight** of the following in **one** or **two** sentences.

- 11) In which year was *The Second Sex* originally published ?
  - 12) Define *Ecriture Feminine*.
  - 13) Why does the poet say that Draupadi was never a mother ?
  - 14) Who is the author of the "Finest Story in the World" ?
  - 15) Where is the play *Medea* set in ?
  - 16) What is Celie's daughter's name as mentioned in *The Color Purple* ?
  - 17) To which genre does *The Color Purple* belong to ?
  - 18) Identify the main theme of the story, "A Wagner Matinee".
  - 19) What is the significance of the title "Woman's Work" ?
  - 20) "Something women do for each other, plaiting the generations" – What is mentioned as 'something' by the poet ? (1×8=8)
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