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B.B.A.-A.H./B.C.A./B.S.W./B.Sc.(LRP) Degree (CBCSS – OBE – Reg./Supp./
Imp.) Examination, April 2021
(2019 Admission Onwards)
COMMON COURSE IN ENGLISH
2A04ENG – Readings on Gender

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 40

A. Write an essay (200-250 words) on **any one** of the following :

- 1) The battle against injustice led by Dakshayani Velayudhan had two dimensions to it : i) as a woman's struggle against patriarchy, ii) an untouchable's struggle against casteism. Discuss.
- 2) Elaborate on public discourse versus private discourse in relation to the family in the story "Is This Desirable". (1×8=8)

B. Write an essay (200-250 words) on **any one** of the following :

- 3) "Still I Rise" is a powerful assertion of the voice of the oppressed and the downtrodden. Discuss.
- 4) The machinations of power are clearly visible when we look at the kinds of structural violence unleashed at the trans people. Discuss. (1×8=8)

C. Answer **any four** of the following in a paragraph **each** (80-100 words) :

- 5) What were the obstacles that Dakshayani Velayudhan had to deal with in terms of casteism ?
- 6) The role of Yogakshema Sabha in the empowerment of Namboothiri women.
- 7) What is the role assigned to women in a capitalist, consumerist society ?
- 8) How is gender and budget linked ?
- 9) Clothing is a political question around which patriarchal control operates. Discuss.
- 10) What are the lessons that *Melmundusamaram* leaves behind ? (4×4=16)

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D. Answer **any eight** of the following in **two** or **three** sentences :

- 11) Who is the "perfect mother" according to Shashi Deshpande ?
- 12) What is femininity ?
- 13) What do customs and tradition do to the womenfolk according to the poet Kishwar Naheed ?
- 14) What is understood by the term cisgender ?
- 15) What is understood by "caste morality" ?
- 16) What happened to Kunjumol's songs ?
- 17) Why is it that trans women are disowned at a higher rate than trans men ?
- 18) What is stereotypical representation ?
- 19) What is meant by Social Conditioning ?
- 20) What was Chanar Lahala about ?
- 21) What does the phrase "very brown" indicate in the poem "An Introduction" ?
- 22) What is George Gerbner's comment on the role of media in our lives ? **(8×1=8)**