



**LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034**

**M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION - ENGLISH LITERATURE**

**FIRST SEMESTER – APRIL 2013**

**EL 1810 - FEMINIST THEORY AND PRACTICE**

Date : 03/05/2013  
Time : 9:00 - 12:00

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

**I Attempt any THREE of the following in about 400-500 words each (3x15=45 marks)**

1. What are the long term implications of reproduction controlling technologies for women's liberation?
2. Show how cyber feminism can help the feminist cause.
3. What are the stereotypical images of women in the patriarchal literary tradition?
4. What are the predominant concerns of ecofeminist thought?

**II Attempt any THREE of the following in about 400-500 words each, choosing at least one from each group: (3x15=45 marks)**

**Group I**

5. Examine *Paper Nautilus* as a comment on the fragility of the female artist.
6. Do you think Maggie the cat comes out a winner in *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*?
7. Show how the poor black woman suffers emotionally, physically and financially in *The Help*.

**Group II**

8. How does Wangari Maathai emerge as an environmentalist leader in *Unbowed*?
9. Comment on the element of subversion in the novel *Wide Sargasso Sea*.
10. Discuss the theme of slavery and oppression in Maya Angelou's *The Caged Bird*.

**III Attempt a critical analysis of the following poem in about 250-300 words:**

(1x10=10 marks)

They come from north, south, east and west  
They are marching throughout this land  
It's something that women call Sisterhood  
That's beginning to take a stand.

They are women from every race and creed  
They are women from all walks of life  
They are beginning to realize who they are  
Besides a mother, a lover, or wife.

They are waking up with a mighty voice  
Against things that some go through  
Be it abuse, shame, or just the 'game'  
They are shouting they are through!

They're taking a stand against violence  
Against discrimination everywhere  
They've found the 'system' may fail them  
And society may no longer care.

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Women all ages are fighting back

For the places that they should be  
In the college, the public or workplace-  
In a world that only they see.

Women are demanding due respect  
For jobs well done each day  
For hard work in the home or office  
For fair and equal pay.

The old saying "It's a mans' world",  
Is one that's no longer true  
For women are now getting educated  
Until they finally see this through.

So never underestimate the Sisterhood  
Or the women who now join hands  
For the cause of saying "We are WOMEN-  
who are here to change this land!!"

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