



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – ENGLISH LITERATURE

THIRD SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2011

EL 3501 - GENDER STUDIES

Date : 03-11-2011
Time : 9:00 - 12:00

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

PART – A

I. Answer any SIX of the following in about 250 words each. (6 × 10 = 60)

1. Write a note on Marxist feminism.
2. Discuss some of the characteristic elements of Gender Studies.
3. Examine the relevance of Post Feminist theory.
4. Trace the factors that influenced the participation of women in the Indian Freedom Movement.
5. Explain the theory of Radical Feminism.
6. Define Cyberfeminism and show its importance in the age of technology.
7. Analyse the major preoccupations of liberal feminism.
8. Bring out the unique nature of the Indian Women's movement.

PART – B

II. Answer any TWO of the following in about 250 words each: (2 × 10 = 20)

9. Consider the poem "Introduction" as a comment on the betrayal of the woman.
10. Attempt a feminist reading of Adrienne Rich's poem "Snapshots of a Daughter-in-Law".
11. Trace the reasons why speaker for goes on an ego trip.

PART – C

III. Answer any ONE of the following in about 400 to 500 words.

(1 × 20 = 20)

12. Highlight the significant achievements of the Feminist movement.
13. From an examination of the poems prescribed, attempt a critique of the gender issues facing contemporary society.

14. Attempt an analysis of the following poem and discuss the feminist theme.

The Female of the Species

Sometimes you want to talk.
about love and despair
and the ungratefulness of children.
A man is no use whatever then.
You want your mother
or sister
or the girl with whom you went through school
and your first love, and her
first child—a girl—
and your second.
You sit with them and talk.
She sews and you sit and sip
and speak of the rate of rice
and the price of tea
and the scarcity of cheese.
You know both that you've spoken
of love and despair and ungrateful children.

Gauri Deshpande

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