



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – ENGLISH

FIRST SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2022

PEL1MC03 – GENDER STUDIES

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Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 01:00 PM - 04:00 PM

SECTION A

Answer ALL the questions

1	Definitions	(5 x 1 = 5)	
a)	Define the term Eternal Feminine.	K1	CO1
b)	Define Housewife syndrome.	K1	CO1
c)	Recall the meaning of Gender Performativity.	K1	CO1
d)	State the definition of 'Hegemonic Masculinity'.	K1	CO1
e)	Describe the term 'Intersectionality'.	K1	CO1
2	Answer the following	(5 x 1 = 5)	
a)	List the authors of A Gift of Goddess Lakshmi.	K2	CO1
b)	Compare the characters of Shyam and Shwet.	K2	CO1
c)	Give any one example of a coercive force that allows for gender construction.	K2	CO1
d)	Estimate why John Beynon suggests that 'masculinity' as a term should be used only in its plural form?	K2	CO1
e)	Identify the privilege men are born with and the belief that it is maintained all through their life.	K2	CO1

SECTION B

Answer any THREE of the following in 500 words

(3 x 10 = 30)

3	Examine Maya Angelou's poem "Phenomenal Woman" as a testimony of acceptance and celebration of oneself.	K3	CO2
4	Interpret the significance of the line "Involved velleities of self-erasure" from Frank Bidart's "Queer" in the context of the acts of coming out and performing gender.	K3	CO2
5	Predict the problems of men and women looked at as an undifferentiated category according to R.W. Connell.	K3	CO2
6	Demonstrate how the privilege of 'man' as a gender is practiced?	K3	CO2
7	Examine <i>The Introduction to The Second Sex</i> as a study of Gender construction.	K3	CO2

SECTION C

Answer any TWO of the following in 500 words

(2 x 12.5 = 25)

8	Analyse Betty Friedan's <i>The Problem that has No name</i> .	K4	CO3
9	Examine <i>A Gift of Goddess Lakshmi</i> as the cry of a "woman trapped inside a man's body".	K4	CO3
10	Infer the significance of the narrative point of view of <i>Kindred</i> .	K4	CO3
11	Relate the phrase 'Sexual self-discovery' with the movie <i>Call Me By Your Name</i> and draft a brief essay.	K4	CO3

