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Second Semester B.A./B.Sc./B.Com./B.B.A./B.B.A.(T.T.M./R.T.M./A.H.)/
B.T.T.M./B.C.A./B.S.W./B.Sc. (LRP)/B.M.C. Degree (C.B.C.S.S. – O.B.E. –
Supplementary/Improvement) Examination, April 2025
(2019 to 2023 Admissions)

Il Semester Integrated M.Sc. (Reg./Supple./Imp.) Examination, April 2025 (2020 Admission Onwards)

COMMON COURSE IN ENGLISH 2A04ENG: Readings on Gender

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 40

- I. Write an essay (200 250 words) on any one of the following: (1×8=8)
  - 1) Analyse how Deshpande's writing challenge societal norms about women.
  - 2) How does "Kitchen Rags" challenge traditional perceptions of domestic work?
- II. Write an essay (200 250 words) on any one of the following: (1×8=8)
  - 3) Discuss "Melmundusamaram" as a significant social reform movement.
  - 4) What message does "I Am Not That Woman" convey to society?
- III. Answer any four of the following in a paragraph. (80 100 words) (4×4=16)
  - 5) Discuss how "Is this Desirable?" challenge traditional gender roles within the family structure.
  - 6) What is the significance of the line "I am Sinner I am saint. I am the beloved and the betrayed"?
  - 7) How does Angelou use imagery in the poem?
  - 8) Analyze the symbolism of the dream sequence where N.P. is strangled by a demoness.
  - 9) What were some significant "firsts" in Dakshayani Velayudhan's life?
  - 10) Explain the concept of Gender-Budgeting.
- IV. Answer any eight of the following in two or three sentences: (8×1=8)
  - 11) What does Kamala Das mean by "I too call myself I"?
  - 12) Why does Pappi criticize the men who once encouraged Antharjanams to think?

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- 13) What binary division does media often unquestioningly accept?
- 14) What forms of street-based labour do most Trans women engage in?
- 15) What image does Kishwar Naheed reject in the final line of "I Am Not That Woman"?
- 16) What does the repeated phrase "I rise" symbolize?
- 17) How does Deshpande describe her experience of childbirth?
- 18) What are the "nuggets of wisdom" that Deshpande is talking about?
- 19) What organization did Dakshayani help to form in 1977?
- 20) Who are the Channars?
- 21) What is the title of the powerful prose piece written by the Antharjanam in the newspaper?
- 22) What is meant by structural violence?

