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(2020 to 2023 Admissions)

II Semester Integrated M.Sc. in Computer Science with Specialization
in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (Reg./Supple./Imp.)

Examination, April 2026
(2020 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) Dakshayani Velayudhan's life was lived in constant encounter with casteist injustice. Explain.
- 2) How does Kamala Das in "An Introduction" challenge the norms imposed by a patriarchal society ? Elaborate. (1×8=8)

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

- 3) Attempt a critical summary of the essay "Gender Justice and the Media".
- 4) Discuss the poem "Still I Rise" as the expression of the indomitable spirit of the Black American women. (1×8=8)

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

- 5) What are the lessons that *Melmundusamaram* leaves behind ?
- 6) What is meant by the term cisgender ? Compare and contrast a cis woman and a trans woman.

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- 7) Analyse "I am not that Woman" as a feminist poem.
- 8) Write a short note on the character Pappi in Lalithambika Antharjanam's "Is This Desirable".
- 9) What are the fearful things that can happen to a woman who is only a mother with reference to the text "Learning to be a Mother" ?
- 10) What happened to Kunjumol's songs in the poem "Kitchen Rags" ?

(4×4=16)

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

- 11) Who was the first Indian Dalit woman graduate ?
- 12) What are the 'nuggets of wisdom' that Shashi Deshpande is talking about ?
- 13) What do 'the walls of stone' signify in the poem "I am Not That Woman" ?
- 14) What is the result of the exclusion of trans people in employment ?
- 15) Who are the 'categorisers' mentioned in the poem "An Introduction" ?
- 16) What is Bernard Shaw's opinion about parenthood ?
- 17) Whose frock was turned into a kitchen rag ?
- 18) What is the name of the newspaper the character Pappi was reading in "Is This Desirable" ?
- 19) What is femininity?
- 20) Who are Chanars? What were their living conditions ?
- 21) Who is the narrator/speaker in the poem "Still I Rise" ?
- 22) What are the structures of oppression ?

(8×1=8)
