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Name of the Paper : Contemporary India: Women and Empowerment

Name of the Course : **Common Pool – GE in English**

Semester : II/IV/VI/VIII

Duration : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 90

Instructions for Candidates

1. Write your Roll No. on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper.
2. This question paper contains **2** parts. **Both** parts are compulsory.
3. Candidates have to answer **ALL** the questions in **Part A** and **ANY THREE** questions in **Part B**.
4. Questions in **Part A** carry **10** marks each and questions in **Part B** carry **20** marks each.

Part A

1. (a) How does patriarchy operate differently in public and private spheres?

Or

- (b) Explain how Patriarchy impacts women's lives.

2. (a) What are the main features of the 1947 sub-committee report on the role of women in the planned economy?

Or

- (b) How does caste oppression get 'normalised'? Give a short answer with reference to the short story, "Parable of the Lost Daughter".

3. (a) Did Ambedkarite ideas help improve women's status? Discuss with the help of the reading from Moon and Pawar.

Or

- (b) What explains the persistence of dowry demands in contemporary India?

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Part B

4. (a) “Sultana’s Dream” is a critique of war and violence perpetuated by Patriarchy. Give a reasoned answer.

Or

- (b) Illustrate from Kamble and Rassundari Debi the ways in which women’s lives are limited to serving the family and rearing children.

5. (a) How does ecofeminist consciousness challenge structures of patriarchy, domination, and environmental exploitation? Give a reasoned answer with reference to the texts in your syllabus.

Or

- (b) *Bayen* foregrounds the horrific nature of violence committed in the name of community and family. Analyse the story in the light of the above statement.

6. (a) Discuss any two reforms on women’s issues taken up in pre-Independence India.

Or

- (b) Does sexual harassment impact women’s ability to function as equal citizens and human beings? Discuss whether the legal protections available against it are sufficient.

7. (a) Do institutions like marriage and motherhood negatively affect women? Why? Discuss with close reference to any two texts from the course.

Or

- (b) Understanding gender as a category influenced and constructed by other categories like class, caste, religion, sexuality and community helps us see gender roles as socially constructed to maintain existing power structures. Do you agree? Discuss with the help of any two texts from the course.