



বিদ্যাসাগর বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়  
**VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY**

**Question Paper**

**B.A. Genral Examinations 2020**

(Under CBCS Pattern)

**Semester - V**

**Subject: ENGLISH**

**Paper : GE 1-T**

**Full Marks : 60**

**Time : 3 Hours**

*Candidates are required to give their answer in their own words as far as practicable.*

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

**Gender and Human Rights**

Attempt *any three* of the following:

3x20=60

1. How does Meena Kandasamy interrogate caste and gender marginalization in her poems? Write your answer with reference to "Aggression".
2. Consider Temsula Ao's "Laburnum for My Head" as a critique of socio-cultural norms silencing the voices of women.
3. What according to Virginia Woolf, are the two main obstacles to women's professional identity, and how?

4. Attempt a study of the autobiographical elements found in Virginia Woolf's essay "Profession for Women".
5. How does Manjula Padmanabhan's play *Lights Out* expose the harsh attitude of Indian society towards a woman?
6. Comment on Manjula Padmanabhan's play *Lights Out* as a realistic play.

### **Contemporary India: Women and Empowerment**

Attempt *any three* of the following:

3x20=60

1. "Sex and gender work as an interconnected form of oppression for women" –Examine the view.
2. Attempt a study of the Feminist Movement in India during the phase of the Nationalist struggle.
3. Define Personal Law. How many personal laws are there in India? Write five personal laws relating to marriage.
4. Comment on the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act.
5. Bring out the idea of women's empowerment as reflected in *Sultana's Dream*.
6. Comment on *Sultana's Dream* as a 'feminist utopia'.

### **Academic Writing and Composition**

Attempt *any three* of the following:

3x20=60

1. Compare and contrast 'paraphrasing' and 'summarising'.
2. Define Synthesis, Analysis and Evaluation in academic writing. How are these related to the development of critical thinking?

3. Define Introduction, Interjection and Conclusion. Write an essay on the importance of protecting Nature, using these different stages of structuring an argument.
  4. What is 'book review'? Write a review of a book recently read by you.
  5. What are the different steps in writing a film review? Write a review of a movie you have recently watched.
  6. Edit and proof-read the following passages and rewrite them incorporating all the corrections:
    - a. At the start of school Dora was afraid of her new Teacher. Mrs. Davis seemed nice, but she had so many rules for the class to follow. Scared someone to pieces. As the school year continued, Dora began to understand how the Teacher come up with the rules. The rules were their so students would be respectful of themselves and each other. By the end of the year, Dora thought Mrs. Davis was the best Teacher she ever had!
    - b. Music is an art form that appears in every culture in the world. For thousands of years it has been an important part of the human experience. Music has been used as entertainment as a way to pass on stories, and as a form of artistic expression. Each person may have their own preference in the type of Music they like but most people will like Music in some form. Music has even been used by therapists to help patients with mental and physical health issues and achieved good results
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