

**B.A. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, MARCH 2015****Sixth Semester**

## Core Course—WOMEN'S LITERATURE

[For Model I and Model II B.A. English Programmes and for Model III B.A. English Literature, Communication and Journalism [Three Main]]

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Weight : 25

**Part A***Answer all questions.**Each bunch of four questions carries a weight of 1.*

I. Choose the correct answer from the following :—

- 1 According to Virginia Woolf, if ever a human being got his work expressed completely, it was :
 

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| (a) Traveyan.    | (b) Carlyle.  |
| (c) Shakespeare. | (d) Flaubert. |
- 2 In whose poetry do you come across the line "Mighty poets in their misery dead" ?
 

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| (a) Wordsworth. | (b) Keats. |
| (c) Gray.       | (d) Burns. |
- 3 What according to Alice Walker is the "legacy of respect" her mother leaves to her ?
 

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| (a) Her face.      | (b) Her work.   |
| (c) Her mothering. | (d) Her daring. |
- 4 Who of the following, according to Jasbir Jain, applied the imperial-colonial polarities to human relationships ?
 

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| (a) Anita Desai.     | (b) Nayantara Sahgal. |
| (c) Githa Hariharan. | (d) Shashi Deshpande. |

II. 5 "He tore out a read" refers to :

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| (a) Syrinx. | (b) Pan.   |
| (c) Goat.   | (d) Ladon. |

6 Marianne Moore wants poetry to be reflective of one's ———.

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| (a) Soul.  | (b) Culture.    |
| (c) Fancy. | (d) Experience. |

**Turn over**



- 7 The poem "Aunt Jenifer's Tigers" is an example of \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) Flawless craftsmanship. (b) Subjective poetry.  
(c) Free verse. (d) None of these.
- 8 "I have done it again" refers to :
- (a) Death. (b) Art.  
(c) Rebirth. (d) Suicide.
- III. 9 How is "woman" treated in the poem "Spelling" ?
- (a) Witch. (b) Nation.  
(c) Ancestress. (d) Writer.
- 10 What does the grassblade symbolise ?
- (a) Powerlessness. (b) Arrogance.  
(c) Resistance. (d) Oppression.
- 11 The "man" in the poem "Woman" is :
- (a) Lazy. (b) Adament.  
(c) Tree. (d) None of these.
- 12 At what sight did old Woodifield's mouth fall open ?
- (a) Rabbit. (b) Whisky.  
(c) Photograph. (d) Reggie's grave.
- IV. 13 What is the word sushama is irritated ?
- (a) Feminist. (b) Wall.  
(c) Children. (d) Husband.
- 14 What is the harbour referred in the story "Inside Every Woman Writer" ?
- 15 Moini was a national chess champion when she was \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) Six. (b) Nine.  
(c) Seven. (d) Ten.
- 16 Molly is a talented \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) Painter. (b) Singer.  
(c) Writer. (d) Dancer.

(4 × 1 = 4)



**Part B**

Answer any **five** of the following questions in a sentence or two each.  
Each question carries a weight of 1.

- 17 How did Judith's parents respond to her love of books ?
- 18 How did the black woman appear to Isan Toomer ?
- 19 How is "jauhar" different from "sati" ?
- 20 Why do the true gods sign ?
- 21 What does the line "they had to call and call" suggest ?
- 22 Describe the office of the Boss.
- 23 What is the role of Macy ?
- 24 Comment on Manasa as an artist.

(5 × 1 = 5)

**Part C**

Answer any **four** of the following questions each in about 100 words.  
Each question carries a weight of 2.

- 25 What is the significance of the oak tree ?
- 26 Comment on the opening of the poem "Poetry".
- 27 How is the slayer stain ?
- 28 Comment on the role of George.
- 29 Comment on chess etiquette.
- 30 Consider Vasanth as a husband.

(4 × 2 = 8)

**Part D**

Answer any **two** of the following questions each in about 300 words.  
Each question carries a weight of 4.

- 31 Write a critical appreciation of "Lady Lazarus".
- 32 "Education liberates and ennobles." Explain this statement in the light of your reading of "The Slayer Slain".
- 33 Sketch the character of Molly.

(2 × 4 = 8)