



**LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034**

**B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – ENGLISH LITERATURE**

**THIRD SEMESTER – APRIL 2013**

**EL 3501 - GENDER STUDIES**

Date: 02/05/2013  
Time: 9:00 - 12:00

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

**PART – A**

**I. Answer any SIX of the following in about 250 words each: (6 × 10 = 60)**

1. Define Gender Studies.
2. Highlight some of the traditional views of woman.
3. Show the prominent aspects of Marxist feminism.
4. Discuss the principles propounded by Liberal feminists.
5. Attempt an analysis of Radical Feminism.
6. Identify the major tenets of Post Feminism.
7. Elaborate how Cyberfeminism deals with the challenges of feminism in the age of technology.
8. Bring out the major elements of the Indian Women's Movement.

**PART – B**

**II. Answer any TWO of the following in about 250 words: (2 × 10 = 20)**

9. Describe the crisis of a middle-aged woman as reflected in Adrienne Rich's "Snapshots of a Daughter-in-law".
10. Consider Kamala Das's "Introduction" as a feminist poem.
11. Show the reasons for the ego trip as delineated in the poem "Egotripping".

**PART – C**

**III. Answer any ONE of the following in about 400 to 500 words: (1 × 20 = 20)**

12. Write an essay discussing the importance of Gender Studies.
13. Analyse the problem of gender inequality in contemporary society with reference to the prescribed poems.

14. Examine the poem given below using any Feminist theory you have studied.

**Woman Work** by Maya Angelou

I've got the children to tend  
The clothes to mend  
The floor to mop  
The food to shop  
Then the chicken to fry  
The baby to dry  
I got company to feed  
The garden to weed  
I've got shirts to press  
The tots to dress  
The can to be cut  
I gotta clean up this hut  
Then see about the sick  
And the cotton to pick.

Shine on me, sunshine  
Rain on me, rain  
Fall softly, dewdrops  
And cool my brow again.

Storm, blow me from here  
With your fiercest wind  
Let me float across the sky  
'Til I can rest again.

Fall gently, snowflakes  
Cover me with white  
Cold icy kisses and  
Let me rest tonight.

Sun, rain, curving sky  
Mountain, oceans, leaf and stone  
Star shine, moon glow  
You're all that I can call my own.

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