LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

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

THIRD SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2012

# EL 3501 - GENDER STUDIES

Date : 05/11/2012 Dept. No. Max. : 100 Marks

Time : 9:00 - 12:00

**PART – A**

**Answer any six of the following in about 250 words each: (6x10=60)**

1. What is cyber feminism?
2. Define gender studies.
3. Write a note on Radical feminism.
4. Discuss the participation of women in the Indian struggle for independence.
5. How did Marxist feminism help women?
6. What did first and second wave feminism achieve?
7. Trace the effects of liberal feminism.
8. How is Post feminist theory relevant today?

**PART – B**

**Answer any two of the following in about 250 words each: (2x10=20)**

9. Why does the speaker have to go egotripping in Nikki Giovanni’s poem?

10. What are the problems faced by women in Adrienne Rich’s “Snapshots of a Daughter-in law”?

11. Attempt a feminist reading of Kamala Das’s “An Introduction”

**PART – C**

**Answer any one of the following in about 400 to 500 words: (1x20=20)**

12. List the various issues about gender faced by the contemporary society according the poems

prescribed for study.

13. What are the achievements of the feminist movement and list the challenges that the movement

faces today?

14. Examine the gender concerns in the following poem:

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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Woman Work** |  | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | 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.   **Maya Angelou**  $$$$$$$ | |  |  | |

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