

LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034



B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – ENGLISH LITERATURE

THIRD SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2018

EL 3501 – GENDER STUDIES

Date: 25-10-2018

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 01:00-04:00

SECTION-A

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

1. What do you understand by the term 'Feminism'?
2. Bring out the role of a woman in a family.
3. Write a short note on 'Patriarchy.'
4. What is your understanding of 'Male Chauvinism'?
5. Write short notes on 'Female Infanticide.'
6. What is 'Marxist Feminism'?
7. Differentiate between 'Female', 'Feminine' and 'Feminism.'
8. Bring out the importance of 'Gender Studies' in higher education.

SECTION – B

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

9. Critically analyze the poem 'Snapshots of A Daughter-in-law.'
10. Write an essay on the significance of co- education in achieving equality between the sexes.
11. Bring out the importance of giving equal opportunities and remuneration for woman in the work place.

SECTION – C

III. Answer any **ONE** of the following in about **450** words: (1 x 20 = 20 marks)

12. Give a detailed analysis of the symbols, metaphors and feminist language employed in the poem 'An Introduction.'
13. Give a feminist interpretation of the portrayal of the judge in the poem 'The Verdict.'
14. Examine the feminist perspectives in the following poem:

Pretty women wonder where my secret lies.
I'm not cute or built to suit a fashion model's size
But when I start to tell them,
They think I'm telling lies.
I say,
It's in the reach of my arms,
The span of my hips,
The stride of my step,
The curl of my lips.
I'm a woman
Phenomenally.
Phenomenal woman,
That's me.
I walk into a room
Just as cool as you please,
And to a man,

The fellows stand or
Fall down on their knees.
Then they swarm around me,
A hive of honey bees.
I say,
It's the fire in my eyes,
And the flash of my teeth,
The swing in my waist,
And the joy in my feet.
I'm a woman
Phenomenally.
Phenomenal woman,
That's me.

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