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**  |  |

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|   | I've got the children to tendThe clothes to mendThe floor to mopThe food to shopThen the chicken to fryThe baby to dryI got company to feedThe garden to weedI've got shirts to pressThe tots to dressThe can to be cutI gotta clean up this hutThen see about the sickAnd the cotton to pick.Shine on me, sunshineRain on me, rainFall softly, dewdropsAnd cool my brow again.Storm, blow me from hereWith your fiercest windLet me float across the sky'Til I can rest again.Fall gently, snowflakesCover me with whiteCold icy kisses andLet me rest tonight.Sun, rain, curving skyMountain, oceans, leaf and stoneStar shine, moon glowYou're all that I can call my own. **Maya Angelou** $$$$$$$ |
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