

2024

## ENGLISH — HONOURS

Paper : CC-11

(Women's Writings)

Full Marks : 65

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.**Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words  
as far as practicable.*

1. Answer *any five* questions : 1×5
- What do oceans and prayers mean in 'I cannot live with you'?
  - Why does Eunice de Souza advise women to keep cats?
  - In Mahasweta Devi's story, what was the name of Draupadi's husband?
  - In 'Bliss', what did the Norman Knights call each other in private?
  - In *Wuthering Heights*, whom does Heathcliff force to work as a servant in his house?
  - Who is Celie's sister in *Color Purple*, who becomes a missionary in Africa and is separated from Celie for many years?
  - At what age did Rassundari get married?
  - In which year was *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman* published?
2. Answer *any one* question (within 600 words) : 15×1
- Discuss Eunice de Souza's poem 'Advice to Women' as a uniquely feminine poem.
  - Attempt a critical appreciation of either 'How do I Love Thee' or 'I cannot live with you'.
3. Answer *any two* questions (within 600 words each) : 15×2
- Critically examine the narrative structure of *Wuthering Heights*.
- Or,**
- Discuss *The Color Purple* as a novel that explores the themes of women's empowerment and sisterhood.
  - Write a critical note on Mahasweta Devi's subversive portrayal of Draupadi in her story 'Draupadi'.
  - Comment on the title of Katherine Mansfield's short story, *Bliss*.

Please Turn Over

4. Answer *any one* question (within 600 words) :

15×1

- (a) Discuss the importance of reason, virtue and experience as explained by Wollstonecraft in *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman*.
  - (b) In *Amar Jibon*, Rassundari Devi uses her hard-earned and hard-won literacy as a remarkable tool for self discovery.— Discuss.
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