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**II Semester B.A./B.Sc./B.M.M.C. Degree (C.B.C.S.S. – O.B.E. – Regular)  
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**COMMON COURSE IN ENGLISH  
2A04 ENG : Readings on Gender**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 40

- A. Write an essay (**200 – 250** words) on **any one** of the following :
- 1) Discuss the significance of the title of the poem “An Introduction” by Kamala Das.
  - 2) Discuss how ‘Is This Desirable’ portrays the struggles of Antharjanams for self-esteem. **(1×8=8)**
- B. Write an essay (**200 – 250** words) on **any one** of the following :
- 3) How does Gee Imaan Semmalar bring out the plight of trans people ?
  - 4) How does the poem ‘I am not a Woman’ bring out the hidden potential and rebellion spirit of the speaker ? **(1×8=8)**
- C. Answer **any four** of the following in a paragraph **each (80 – 100** words) :
- 5) What kind of advice did the poet get from in ‘An Introduction’ ?
  - 6) In how many languages does Kamala Das write ?
  - 7) What was NP’s reaction as he comes to know what Pappi has done ?
  - 8) What does Dakshayani Velayudhan write about the formation of Pulaya Mahajana Sabha ?
  - 9) How has been women portrayed in ‘I am not that Woman’ ?
  - 10) Why does Ammu Joseph say that gender insensitivity affects journalism ? **(4×4=16)**

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D. Answer **any eight** of the following in **two** or **three** sentences :

- 11) What are the issues faced by trans people living in slums ?
  - 12) What does the poet mean by “the huts of history’s shame” in ‘Still I Rise’ ?
  - 13) Why was NP taken back after reading the next issue of the paper ?
  - 14) Why did the meetings of Pulaya Mahajana Sabha conducted in country boats tied together ?
  - 15) What does it mean by gender budgeting ?
  - 16) What was Dakshayani’s experience in Chemistry class ?
  - 17) Marriage in Eastern tradition as mentioned in ‘I am not that Woman’.
  - 18) How are women commodified according to Kiswar Naheed ?
  - 19) What kind of mothers does one find in Sashi Deshpande’s novels ?
  - 20) Why is gender not exclusively a women’s issue ?
  - 21) How can it be said that the laws to criminalize trans people are informed by a caste based morality ?
  - 22) Why is the process of medical transitioning long and arduous in India ? **(8×1=8)**
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