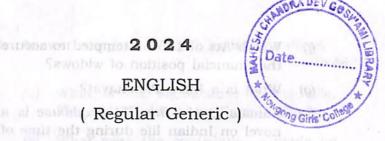
3 (Sem-5/CBCS) ENG RG

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ENGLISH

(Regular Generic)

Paper: ENG-RG-5016



(Contemporary India: Women and Empowerment)

Full Marks: 80

Time: 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

- Answer the following questions: $1 \times 10 = 10$
 - (a) Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar led the campaign to legalise widow remarriage. (Write True or False)
 - What is the full form of POSH in the (b) POSH Act?
 - the central character Mahashweta Devi's Mother of 1084?
 - (d) Which wave of feminism deals primarily with the issue of suffrage?
 - is the founder of the Arya Samai. (Fill in the blank)

- (f) Which Act of 1856 attempted to secure the financial position of widows?
- (g) What is a Khap Panchayat?
- (h) Kamala Das's The Old Playhouse is a novel on Indian life during the time of British imperialism.

(Write True or False)

- (i) What was the work by Mary Wollstonecraft which raised voice in favour of women's rights?
- (j) Which Article of the Indian Constitution ensures that at least one-third of the total seats in Panchayats and Municipalities are reserved for women?
- **2.** Answer the following questions: $2 \times 5 = 10$
 - (a) What is the difference between sex and gender?
 - (b) Who was the first women legislator of India? When and where was she appointed?
 - (c) What do you think is the chief reason for overwhelming participation of women in the Gandhian form of national struggle?
 - (d) What is the POCSO Act and when was it passed?
 - (e) What is the difference between female foeticide and female infanticide?

- **3.** Answer any *four* of the following questions: $5\times4=20$
 - (a) What is the significance of the title, The Old Playhouse by Kamala Das?
 - (b) What were the contributions made by Pandita Ramabai towards women's education and women's rights?
 - (c) Write a short note on the Shah Bano case of 1985.
 - (d) What is the role of family in the social construction of gender?
 - (e) When and where did the All India Women's Conference first take place? What was its contribution towards promoting women's rights?
 - (f) Illustrate the role of Medha Patkar in the Narmoda Bachao Andolan.
- **4.** Answer any *four* of the following questions: $10 \times 4 = 40$
 - (a) Trace a few ideas and writings that inspired and provided the foundation for the women's movement in modern times.
 - (b) How does Krishna Sobti's Zindaginama bring to life Punjab during the British era?

- (c) What is the Sati (Prevention) Act of 1987? What are its provisions? Describe the circumstances which led to the passing of this Act.
- (d) Throw light on the nature of women's participation in the National Movement of India.
- (e) Mahashweta Devi's Mother of 1084 is a story of loss and remorse. Substantiate through a character appraisal of the central character.
- (f) Evaluate the origin and achievements of the nineteenth century socio-religious reform movement within colonial India.
- (g) What is the Hindu Marriage Act of 1955? What is its main purpose? Mention the provisions of the Act.
- (h) What was the Chipko Movement? What was its outcome? What role did women play in it?