

SECOND SEMESTER UG DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2023

COMMON COURSE IN ENGLISH
JENG2A03T: READINGS FROM THE FRINGES

Time: 2 Hours

Maximum Marks: 60

SECTION A: Answer the following questions. Each carries *two* marks.
(Ceiling 20 Marks)

1. Why did the women take *lathis* as they went to work in the fields or forest?
2. Why does Sameer Tanti call democracy 'barren'?
3. What are the rights guaranteed to all citizens of India, according to the Objectives Resolution moved by Nehru?
4. Why do most people have a hard time digesting modern science?
5. What did Sylvia do at the end of the story "A White Heron"?
6. How are the eyes of the fish different from the eyes of the speaker in the poem "The Fish"?
7. What is an eco-apartheid?
8. What does "your softness is your weakness" in the poem "Fire" mean?
9. What are the etiquettes expected by the older *tirunangais* from the younger ones?
10. What are the two feminist tools discussed in the chapter "Dear Ijeawele"?
11. Why did the disabled people in Berkley argue that nobody is completely independent?
12. What happened in 1992 in Mathura district?

SECTION B: Answer the following questions. Each carries *five* marks.
(Ceiling 30 Marks)

13. How does Sameer Tanti bring out the dire condition of democracy?
14. Analyse the character of Sylvia in "A White Heron".
15. Discuss how "The Fish" illustrates the oppression and cruelty imposed upon the animal world by human beings.
16. Write a note on Navdanya movement.
17. Critically evaluate Chimamanda Adichie's concept of gender.
18. What are the questions people pose to the poet Hiromi Goto as an immigrant from Japan?
19. Why does Nehru feel that the Objectives Resolution is "something much more than a resolution"?

SECTION C: Answer any *one* question. Each carries *ten* marks.

20. Discuss how "Entre-vous to Adulthood", a chapter from Malini Chib's *One Little Finger*, breaks the barriers that restrict the life of disabled people.
21. Comment on the difference in the use of technology by ancient and modern rulers.

(1 × 10 = 10 Marks)