

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

## SECTION A — (20 × 1 = 20 marks)

Answer ALL the questions by choosing the correct option.

1. Androgyny can be described as gender \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (a) Inequality
  - (b) Equality
  - (c) Ambiguity
  - (d) Crisis
2. Gynocriticism refers to the literary study of \_\_\_\_\_ as writers.
  - (a) Women
  - (b) Men
  - (c) Critics
  - (d) Readers

3. According to Alice Walker "\_\_\_\_\_ is to feminism as purple is to lavender".
  - (a) Patriarchy
  - (b) Liberty
  - (c) Womanism
  - (d) Post feminism
4. \_\_\_\_\_ introduced Ecriture feminism.
  - (a) Alice Walker
  - (b) Edward Said
  - (c) Elaine Showalter
  - (d) Helene Cixous
5. \_\_\_\_\_ is eliminated in all social and economic contexts.
  - (a) Male supremacy
  - (b) Female domination
  - (c) Gender equality
  - (d) Feminity

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6. Radical feminists view society as fundamentally a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (a) Democratic
  - (b) Social
  - (c) Patriarchy
  - (d) Liberal
7. \_\_\_\_\_ is a set of attributes, behaviours and roles generally associated with girls and women.
  - (a) Womanism.
  - (b) Liberalism
  - (c) Femininity
  - (d) Community
8. The "Family system" characteristic of modern societies benefits \_\_\_\_\_ because women perform the role of a domestic servant.
  - (a) Feminism
  - (b) Capitalism
  - (c) Marxism
  - (d) Socialism
9. \_\_\_\_\_ is seen as a valuable tool in the battle against discrimination based around ignorance.
  - (a) Money
  - (b) Power
  - (c) Equality
  - (d) Education
10. The term \_\_\_\_\_ was used to refer to autocratic rule by the male head of a family.
  - (a) Famininity
  - (b) Womanism
  - (c) Patriarchy
  - (d) Androgyny
11. "Rearing of children" is considered a \_\_\_\_\_ domain.
  - (a) Male
  - (b) Grandparents
  - (c) Female
  - (d) Writers

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12. Wollstonecraft sees the obsession with \_\_\_\_\_  
— as a fault in women.
- Children
  - Virtue
  - Knowledge
  - Image and fashion
13. \_\_\_\_\_ is a scary place and bad things can happen in the blink of an eye.
- Earth
  - World
  - Heaven
  - Sky
14. The \_\_\_\_\_ was a "Legendary devotee of the arts".
- Great-Great-grandmother
  - Grandmother
  - Mother
  - Daughter
15. The exploration of the interior of the \_\_\_\_\_ is not a straight forward enterprise.
- Land
  - Mind
  - Sky
  - Wall

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16. Kamala Das complains her husband of
- Lustfulness
  - Snobbery
  - Ambition
  - Haughtiness
17. Why does Hale originally visit John Wright's Farmhouse?
- To invite Hale to a party
  - to ask about the crops
  - To get some food
  - to install a telephone
18. Mrs. Wright is \_\_\_\_\_
- At a friend's house
  - Under house arrest
  - With the coroner
  - In custody
19. Charlotte Gilmar's writing is primarily focused on \_\_\_\_\_
- Supernatural horror
  - Unequal status of women
  - Traditional romance
  - Race relations

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20. Ambai is the pseudonym of \_\_\_\_\_
- Jane Austen
  - Meena Alexander
  - C.S. Lakshmi
  - Toru Dutt

## SECTION B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer any FIVE questions in 200 words each.

- Explain Mary Wollstonecraft's views on the rights of Women.
- How is the speech *Ain't I a woman?* relevant today?
- How could Persephone's fall have been avoided?
- Briefly describe the hardships encountered by the tribals/their physical survival.
- Attempt a critical appreciation of Judith Wright's poem *Request to a Year*.
- How does the cold temperature of the setting connect symbolically to the rest of the play *Trifles*.
- Write a note on the style and technique of the story *Forest* by Amhai.

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## SECTION C — (3 × 10 = 30 marks)

Answer any THREE questions in 300 words each.

- Bring out the historical context in which Mary wrote *The vindication of Right's of Women*.
- Bring out the autobiographical elements in Sylvia Plath's poems.
- Discuss the language of the play *Trifles*.
- Describe the inner conflicts of Mrs. Hale and Mrs Peters.
- What, according to Charlotte Perkins Gilmar is the role of women?

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