

U.G. 5th Semester Examination - 2020**ENGLISH****Course Code : BENGCCHT501****Course Title : Women's Writing**

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 Hours

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.**Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*1. Answer any **ten** of the following questions:

1×10=10

- a) Who is Mary Oraon?
- b) Where is Tohri?
- c) How many children do Mr. and Mrs. Das have?
- d) What are the two locations Mr. Kapasi takes the Das family to visit?
- e) What does Mrs. Shelby offer to save Eliza's son, Harry?
- f) To whom does Mr. Shelby sell Tom and Harry?
- g) In which year 'The Fugitive Slave Law' passed?
- h) Who is Eliza's mother?

- i) What do the words 'kindly' and 'his civility' convey in the poem, '*Because I could not stop for Death*'?
- j) What does the "house that seemed/A swelling of the ground" mean?
- k) How many times according to the poem has Lady Lazarus died?
- l) Who is 'Lazarus'?
- m) According to Virginia Woolf, what are the two main obstacles to women's professional identity?
- n) Who wrote *Madame Bovary*?
- o) Who is 'Sexton'?

2. Answer any **five** of the following questions:

2×5=10

- a) What does the 'cat' signify in *Advice to Women*?
- b) What is the meaning of the expression, "the horses' heads were toward eternity"?
- c) Why does Mrs. Shelby not believe in Eliza's fear that Mr. Shelby will sell Harry?
- d) How does Augustine St. Clare die?
- e) What is Tom's last great joy before he dies?
- f) What is the story behind Mary's birth?

- g) Who are George and Fanny? Where do they go?
- h) Why does Mrs. Das reveal to Mr. Kapasi that Mr. Das is not Bobby's father?

3. Answer any **two** of the following questions:

$$5 \times 2 = 10$$

- a) Discuss the character of Mr. Kapasi as an interpreter of 'maladies'.
- b) What 'advice' does the poetess Eunice de Souza give to her readers in the poem, *Advice to Women*?
- c) Briefly discuss the incompatibility of Slavery and Christian values that we find in *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.

4. Answer any **one** of the following questions:

$$10 \times 1 = 10$$

- a) Consider the poem *Lady Lazarus* as a confessional poem.
- b) Explain the relationship between Mrs. Das and Mr. Kapasi in Jhumpa Lahiri's "Interpreter of Maladies". Why does Mrs. Das feel comfortable with Mr. Kapasi?
- c) Discuss the differences between the portrayals of men and women in Harriet Beecher Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.
