

WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY

B.A. Programme 6th Semester Examination, 2023

ENGGGEC02T-ENGLISH (GE2)

GENDER AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 50

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Candidates should answer in their own words and adhere to the word limit as practicable.

1. Answer any *one* of the following questions (within 500 words):

 $15 \times 1 = 15$

- (a) Identify and discuss any four basic human rights essential for social progress and better standards of life.
- (b) Give two cases from everyday life in which Gender Rights are often violated. Explain in detail.
- 2. Answer any *one* of the following questions (within 500 words):

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- (a) Discuss Mulk Raj Anand's novel Untouchable as a novel of social criticism.
- (b) Critically comment on Mulk Raj Anand's representation of the European characters in *Untouchable*.
- 3. Answer any *one* of the following questions (within 500 words):

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- (a) Critically comment on the title of Mahasweta Devi's 'Draupadi'.
- (b) 'Draupadi' by Mahasweta Devi is a story of exploitation and resistance based on the *Mahabharata*. Elucidate.
- 4. Answer any *one* of the following questions (within 200 words):

 $5 \times 1 = 5$

- (a) Briefly describe the "nasty experience" told by Lakha in M. R. Anand's *Untouchable*.
- (b) Write a short note on the character of Senanayak in 'Draupadi'.

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