

GROUP-B

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

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- a) Critically discuss the title of *The Color Purple*.
- b) Celie's rape in *The Color Purple* becomes a catalyst in her search for a voice. Discuss.

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

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- a) Would you consider Pandita Ramabai's *A Testimony of our Inexhaustible Treasures* as an account of her spiritual experience? Give reasons for your answer.
- b) Discuss Wollstonecraft's response to Rousseau's view on the education of women in *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman*.

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Full Marks : 60

Time : 2 ½ 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.

GROUP-A

1. Answer any **ten** of the following questions:

2×10=20

- a) "Don't give me over to them, Mother!" — Who is the speaker here? What is the context of the speaker's pleading to her mother?
- b) "One day I dreamt..." — What was the dream that changed Rassundari Debi's life in a significant way?
- c) "And the two women stood side by side looking at the slender, flowering tree." — Who are these 'two women'?

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- d) How would you interpret the line "the black cat following the grey cat" from Mansfield's story, "Bliss"?
- e) What does the Sexton do with our life?
- f) How does Dickinson differentiate Woman's life from Girl's life in her poem, "I'm 'wife'—I've finished that"?
- g) Why can not the speaker rise with her beloved in the poem "I cannot live with you"?
- h) What is the significance of 'barb wire' in Sylvia Plath's "Daddy"?
- i) How did Dopdi and Dulna escape during the 'Operation Bakuli'?
- j) What does Dopdi tell Munsu's wife about getting caught?
- k) Why was Surja Sahu murdered?
- l) What do the words 'fat worms' signify in Angelou's "Caged Bird"?
- m) Who is Lazarus?
- n) "Ghastly statue with one gray toe/Big as a Frisco seal"—what does Frisco seal refer to? Bring out the comparison.

- o) Comment on the conditions in which caged bird lives.

2. Answer any **four** from the following questions:

$$5 \times 4 = 20$$

- a) Discuss Dickinson's engagement with love and death in the poem, "I cannot live with you".
- b) In Plath's poems like "Daddy" and "Lady Lazarus" patriarchal oppression is conveyed through her use of Holocaust images. Discuss.
- c) What paradox does the title and theme of Katherine Mansfield's "Bliss" create?
- d) How does Rassundari Devi's pursuit of education and literacy play a significant role in her life?
- e) In "Draupadi" Mahasweta Devi uses the body as a site of resistance to "counter" violence in its various forms.— Comment.
- f) Locate and annotate:
"Dying
Is an art, like everything else.
I do it exceptionally well."