



**WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY**  
B.A. Programme 6th Semester Examination, 2022

**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): 15×1 = 15
  - (a) Identify the fundamental human rights and discuss briefly how to eliminate the socio-cultural and economic impediments in its implementation.
  - (b) What are the basic gender rights? How conscious are people regarding these rights? Discuss.
  
2. Answer any **one** of the following questions (within 500 words): 15×1 = 15
  - (a) How does Mulk Raj Anand's *Untouchable* construct a critique of contemporary socio-cultural scenario of India?
  - (b) Sohini's assault in Mulk Raj Anand's *Untouchable* serves an important purpose. Justify.
  
3. Answer any **one** of the following questions (within 500 words): 15×1 = 15
  - (a) Mahasweta Devi describes how the attacks on women's bodies by men has become the outcome of any conflict or war. Justify this comment with close reference to your reading of "Draupadi".
  - (b) In "Draupadi", Mahasweta Devi has not allowed her protagonist 'Dopdi' to be submissive and conquered by the male dominated society, or even rescued by a powerful man unlike Draupadi from the *Mahabharata*. Discuss.
  
4. Answer any **one** of the following questions (within 200 words): 5×1 = 5
  - (a) Comment on the significance of Bakha in *Untouchable*.
  - (b) "Are you a man? There isn't a man here that I should be ashamed." Explain this comment from Mahasweta Devi's "Draupadi".

**N.B. :** *Students have to complete submission of their Answer Scripts through E-mail / Whatsapp to their own respective colleges on the same day / date of examination within 1 hour after end of exam. University / College authorities will not be held responsible for wrong submission (at in proper address). Students are strongly advised not to submit multiple copies of the same answer script.*

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