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**PRESIDENCY UNIVERSITY  
BENGALURU  
SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING**

**Mid - Term Examinations - AUGUST 2024**

**Odd Semester:** 2023-24

**Course Code:** ENG864

**Course Name:** Gender Theory

**Program & Sem:** Ph.D. Course-Work

**Date:** 12-08-2024

**Time:** 09.30am to 11.00am

**Max Marks:** 50

**Weightage:** 25%

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**Instructions:**

- (i) Read the all questions carefully and answer accordingly.  
(ii) Complete the test within the time given.
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**Part A: [Memory Recall Questions]**

**Answer any five of the Questions. Each question carries TWO marks. (5Qx2M=10M)**

1. Define patriarchy and explain how it affects gender roles in society. (C.O.No.2) [Knowledge]
2. Distinguish between sex and gender with examples. (C.O.No.1) [Knowledge]
3. What are gender stereotypes? Provide two examples commonly found in media. (C.O.No.2) [Knowledge]
4. Explain the concept of gynocriticism and its significance in feminist literary criticism. (C.O.No.1) [Knowledge]
5. How does body politics influence women's autonomy over their own bodies? (C.O.No.2) [Knowledge]
6. Briefly explain the impact of female foeticide on gender ratios and societal structure. (C.O.No.1) [Knowledge]

**Part B [Thought Provoking Questions]**

**Answer any two of the Questions. Each question carries TEN marks. (2Qx10M=20M)**

7. Explain the concept of gynocriticism as introduced by Elaine Showalter. Discuss its objectives and significance within feminist literary criticism, and how it differs from earlier feminist approaches. (C.O.No.3) [Comprehension]
8. Explain how Leila Ahmed explores the historical roots of gender roles in Islamic societies in "Women and Gender in Islam." Provide specific examples from the text. (C.O.No.3) [Comprehension]

9. Discuss the impact of colonialism on women and gender in Islamic societies, according to Leila Ahmed in "Women and Gender in Islam." Use examples from the book to support your answer. (C.O.No.3) [Comprehension]

### **Part C [Problem Solving Questions]**

**Answer any one of the Questions. Each question carries TWENTY marks. (1Qx20M=20M)**

10. Discuss the concept of "hegemonic masculinity" as presented by Connell and Pearse. How does this concept help in understanding gender power relations globally? Provide examples from the text. (C.O.No.4) [Application]
11. Analyze Angela Davis's discussion on the intersections of gender, race, and class in the struggles for women's rights. Provide specific examples from the book to illustrate these intersections. (C.O.No.4) [Application]