

**Undergraduate Examination, 2018**  
**Semester-II (CBCS)**  
**English**  
**Generic Elective Course (GEC-2)**  
**(Contemporary India: Women and Empowerment)**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Full Marks: 60**

*Questions are of equal value.*

Answer Question No. 1 and *any three* from the rest.

1. (a) Discuss with reference to the Reform Movement how education empowered women and enabled them to take part in public life.

**OR**

- (b) Personal narratives reveal women as active agents in the development of women's movement in India. Discuss.
2. (a) Kamala Das depicts her quest for love with a frankness unusual in the traditional Indian context. Discuss.

**OR**

- (b) Comment on the theme of nostalgia as depicted in "My Grandmother's House" by Kamala Das.
3. How does Begum Rokeya portray a feminist utopia in "Sultana's Dream"?
4. Comment on the appropriateness of the title of the short story 'The Eternal Vine'.
5. Discuss the challenges faced by the child bride in Baby Kamble's *Jina Amucha*.
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