10. Write a short note on either of the following: 4

a. The torture inflicted at home on Anna Durai upon his return from Delhi.

b. Mardana and Zanana as presented in "Sultana's Dream".

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English

4th Semester

COURSE NO. ENG – 653 (GL-II)

[Option II: Gender and Literature II (GL II)]

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 28

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

Answer all the questions

UNIT-I

1. a. Write an essay on Judith Butler's contribution to the development of Queer identities in the third wave Gender movement. 10

Or

b. Discuss the significance of the political pamphlet titled "The Woman-Identified Woman" in the introduction of Gay and Lesbian sexualities in Gender discourse.

2. Write a short note on either of the following: 4

   a. Drag as Gender Identity in Judith Butler's theory.

   b. Resistance against Lesbianism in the Second Wave Women's Rights Movement.

UNIT-II

3. a. Critically discuss after Bhaswati Chakravorty how fluidity and hybridity inhere in the gender-queer identity of the hijras. 10

   Or

   b. Critically discuss Audre Lorde's plea for the inclusion of Black lesbians in the sisterhood of Black feminists in her essay "I am Your sister: Black Women Organizing Across Sexualities".

4. Write a short note on either of the following: 4

   a. Transgender Studies as an academic field.

   b. Homophobia.

UNIT-III

5. a. Critically comment on the portrayal of the character of Esther Greenwood in *The Bell Jar.* 10

   Or

   b. Critically comment on the significance of the title, *The Color Purple.*

6. Write a short note on either of the following: 4

   a. Character of Doctor Nolan in *The Bell Jar.*

   b. Character of Nettie in *The Color Purple.*

UNIT-IV

7. a. Critically comment on Bapu-Mitra relationship in *A Friend's Story.* 10

   Or

   b. Critically comment on the plight of the hijras, with special focus on the character of Anarkali, in a patriarchal-heterosexual society as portrayed in *Seven Steps around the Fire.*

8. Write a short note on either of the following: 4

   a. Character of Pande in *A Friend's Story.*

   b. Character of Munswamy in *Seven Steps around the Fire.*

UNIT-V

9. a. Critically comment on how "Sultana's Dream" speaks volumes for the emancipation of women through education. 10

   Or

   b. Critically comment on how Adrienne Rich's poem, "Rape", portrays the attitude of the patriarchal world to a rape victim.