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**BEGC–111**

**B. A. (HONS.) ENGLISH (BAEGH)**

**Term-End Examination**

**December, 2023**

**BEGC-111 : WOMEN'S WRITING**

*Time : 3 Hours*

*Maximum Marks : 100*

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**Note :** (i) *This question paper is split up into **three** Sections **A, B and C.***

(ii) *All Sections are compulsory.*

(iii) *There are internal choices in each Section.*

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**Section—A**

1. Explain with reference to the context any **four** of the following (in **100-150** words) :  $4 \times 5 = 20$

(a) I willed my Keepsakes – Signed away

What portion of me be

Assignable – and then it was

There interposed a Fly–

**P. T. O.**

- (b) This is a noon for strangers who part  
 The window-drapes and peer in, their hot eyes  
 Brimming with the sun, not seeing a thing in  
 Shadowy rooms and turn away and look  
 So yearningly at the brick-ledged well.
- (c) But you stand still where the string was broken,  
 You never guess how many forms you gave me,  
 I, like Lalla, rose in the late hours of the night,  
 and lulled you in my lap and woke you up.
- (d) This is a noon for strangers with mistrust in  
 Their eyes, dark, silent ones who rarely speak  
 At all, so that when they speak, their voices  
 Run wild, like jungle voices.
- (e) They've quickened now, with life.  
 Even as you wash rice, fish, vegetables  
 Even as you peel, cut, bake, stir and cook  
 the thieving letters on the wall will take wings

### Section—B

**Note :** Attempt any **four** of the following questions  
 (in **250-300** words each).

2. What do you understand by the term 'New Woman' ? 10
3. Discuss Wollstonecraft's ideas on Reason and Rationality. 10

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4. Whose story does the Chandrabati *Ramayana* narrate ? 10
5. Comment on the narrative technique of Pandita Ramabai with examples. 10
6. Describe the transformation of the girl whom Rosemary brings home in 'A Cup of Tea'. 10

**Section—C**

**Note :** Answer any **two** of the following question (in **400-500** words each).

7. How far do you think Gilbert is responsible for what happens to Angela in 'The Legacy' ? Give reasons for your answer. 20
8. Do you think that women should have the freedom to decide what they want for themselves ? Answer with reference to 'The Yellow Wallpaper'. 20
9. Do you think 'A Kitchen in the Corner of the House' is a critique of patriarchy ? Why ? 20
10. Would you agree that *Sunlight on a Broken Column* is a novel of growing up ? Give a reasoned answer. 20