

2015

**WOMEN'S STUDIES**

**Fourth Paper**

**( Group – I )**

**( Gender and Literature )**

**Full Marks – 50**



*The figures in the margin indicate full marks*

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable*

1. (a) Attempt a reading of any novel of your choice from the standpoint of either Feminist theory or Gender theory, using illustrative references. 25

*Or*

(b) Do you agree with Chandra Talpade Mohanty that Western Feminist theory cannot speak for or respond properly, to the situation of non-western women ? Answer with reference to at least one Indian text written either in English or in any vernacular Language. 25

2. (a) *A vindication of the Rights of Women* emphasizes the need for women's education. Discuss the issues raised in the text with illustrative references. 25

*Or*

(b) *A Room of One's Own* is a powerful non-fictional treatise about creative women's need for space and freedom. Explain with examples. 25