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Name of the course: B.A Prog

Name of the Paper: Contemporary India: Women and Empowerment

Semester: V

Marks: 75 marks

Time limit: 3+1 (one hour reserved for downloading of question paper, scanning and uploading of answer sheets) **Word limit:** 400- 600 words.

Attempt any FOUR questions. All questions carry equal marks.

- 1) How does the institution of family propagate the expectations and behaviors associated with boys and girls through the process of gender socialization?
- 2) How are personal laws governed by patriarchal ideologies despite their religious identities?
- 3) Women's bodies function as sites on which boundaries between ethnic, national and religious communities are inscribed. Discuss with reference to the readings in your course.
- 4) Dalit women's writings may be read as counter-narratives to the work of both Dalit men as well as upper caste women. Discuss.
- 5) Comment on Rokeya Hossain's critique of conventional gender roles in "Sultana's Dream". Examine its relevance in today's context.
- 6) How has systemic exclusion of women in education and employment resulted in social inequality? Discuss.