10. What is ecofeminism? How does it help us understand anew the relationship between women and the environment as a resource for feminist change? Discuss with the help of the prescribed essay by Vandana Shiva.

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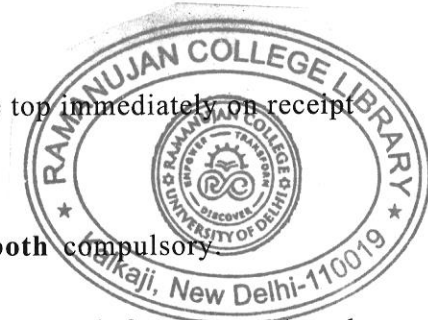
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Part A

Attempt any **3** *questions.*   (3×10=30)

1. Discuss two movements led by women for women's rights in post-independence India.

2. Discuss the representation of mothering in Mahashweta Devi's *Bayen.*

3. Discuss the issues suggested in the title of Urvashi Butalia's book *The Other Side of Silence,* with special reference to the chapter prescribed in your syllabus.

4. Are Mahar women doubly oppressed? Comment with reference to Baby Kamble's *Our Wretched Lives.*

5. What is sexual harassment? How does it negatively affect women?

Part B

Attempt any **3** *questions.*   (3×15=45)

6. How does Rassasundari Devi's belief in Daya Madhav help her bear the hardships of her life as the ideal upper-caste grihalakshmi and learn reading?

7. Urmila Pawar and Meenakshi Moon's *We Too Were Making History* compares and contrasts the Ambedkarite movement with the mainstream national movement through Dalit women's experiences of political participation in early twentieth century India. Discuss.

8. Discuss the main features of the Protection of Women Domestic Violence Act (2005), focussing on its strengths and weaknesses.

9. What is patriarchy? Is it a desirable social system? Give a reasoned answer based on what you have studied in this course.