

St Joseph's College (Autonomous) Bangalore
Mid-Semester Test - August 2016
MA (English) - I Semester
EN 7314 Gender Studies I

Time: 90 mts

Max Marks: 35

SECTION A

Answer any **ONE** of the following:

(1x10=10)

1. "Many readers have also been alienated by Beauvoir's visceral horror of fertility — the "curse" of reproduction — and her desire, as they see it, to homogenize the human race." How does your reading of Simone de Beauvoir's "Introduction" to *Second Sex* inform your understanding of the biology-culture dichotomy in gender studies?
2. Critically examine the trajectory of Second Wave feminism and comment on why it was unable to reach many of its goals.

SECTION B

Answer any **TWO** of the following:

(2x10=20)

3. Kate Millett begins to outline her theory of sexual politics with the observation that males and females are traditionally differentiated on three dimensions, dimensions she called temperament, role, and status. Critically examine this claim.
4. "It is so hard to talk with John about my case, because he is so wise, and because he loves me so" What does this extract tell us about the oppression of women?
5. Do you see Kate Millet's "Theory of Sexual Politics" as a series of disagreements with what Simone de Beauvoir discusses about gender? Corroborate from your reading.

SECTION C

Write a short note on any **ONE** of the following:

(1x5=5)

6. Any two factors that have a bearing on gendered subjectivity.
7. Symbolism of the yellow colour in "The Yellow Wallpaper"
