

International Islamic University Chittagong
Department of English Language and Literature
Midterm Examination Spring 2024
Course Code: **ELL-3628** Course Title: **South Asian Literature in English**
Time: **1.30 hours** Total Marks: **30**

Answer question **no. 1 and any two** others from the rest, taking at least one from each author. Figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks.

1. Locate and explain **any two** of the following 5X2=10
 - a. One evening I was lounging in an easy chair in my bedroom and thinking lazily of the condition of Indian womanhood.
 - b. Think too of neo-imperialism and sartorial hegemony
 - c. an emblem of egalitarianism, symbol of global left-outs
 - d. If I have loved others, father,
I swear I have loved you the most.
 2. Assess Rokeya's critique of gender and empire from your reading of *Sultana's Dream*. 10
 3. Is Rokeya a feminist? – Estimate from your reading of *Sultana's Dream*. 10
 4. Estimate Kamala Das's longing and loneliness from your reading of her poems. 10
 5. How does Kaiser Haq speak for the subalterns in his poem "Ode on the Lungi"? – Explain. 10
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