Answer to class work 1

**Suggested Solutions**

**1. According to the author, what happens when 'ethics were no longer prescriptive but a matter of preference' (lines 13-14)? *Use your own words as far as possible.***

requirements – effects of the idea of the phrase (people no longer adhere to their inherited ethics but based their on their thinking and beliefs)

Lifted

What used to be considered as sins - abortion, the bearing of children outside wedlock - are widely regarded as manifestations of freedom of choice. And marriage is no longer sacrosanct but merely provisional, a contract which can be easily terminated.

Paraphrased – the society will morally degraded.

People are permitted to behave in ways which were previously considered as a crime/immoral /an offence. People no longer see marriage 'as sacred vow f/i] but a temporary agreement which can be annulled easily.

**2. What does the phrase 'travelling sisterhood' (line 22) suggest about women?**

Inferred answer

Lines 23-24 give the contextual clue that women are economically/socially mobile.

Since the contextual clues given in lines 24-25 are quite clear, the following answers from scripts are not accepted: women look out for one another: women are becoming more independent; women have close relationship with each other.

The phrase suggests that woman helps each other in their career and social development.

**3. What qualities does the author imply women have from the examples given from lines 32-34?**

Lifted

We see women in poorer parts of India learning English faster than men to meet the demands of new global call centres, ... and women own more than forty per cent of private businesses in China.

Inferred

-astute learner / proficient in language / linguistically inclined / enterprising

It implies that women are astute learners who are linguistically inclined and are enterprising in their business development.

enterprising, industrious / good at doing business / astute, have business acumen

**4. 'Feminism has pushed women to do things once considered against their nature' (lines 40-41).**

**According to the author, what would women do if they were to follow their supposed nature? *Use your own words as far as possible.***

Lifted

… first, women enter the workforce, then they continue to work while married, and then they work even with small children at home.

Paraphrased

- stay at home (or not working)

-being a housewife/mother OR

-take care of children

**5. *Using your own words as far as possible*, explain how women are different from men although they are 'equally aggressive and competitive' (lines 52-53).**

Lifted

Men tend to assert themselves in a controlling manner

while women tend to take into account the rights of others

Paraphrased

-Men are likely to be more rigid / domineering / authoritative.

-while women are more respectful / democratic / accommodating/ cooperating / sensitive

**6. 'Why does the author find the 'white collar economy' reassuring to women (line 79)? *Use your own words as far as possible.***

Lifted

Reassuringly, a white collar economy values brain power which men and women have in equal amounts.

Perhaps most importantly – for better or worse – it increasingly requires formal education credentials which women are more prone to acquire since they are naturally more academically inclined

Paraphrased

The white collar economy

-places importance on intellectual power which women possess

-and it requires qualifications

-which women are likely to attain

-because they are better at studies