

**FIRST SEMESTER P.G. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2020**

(CCSS)

Women's Studies

WMS 1C 01—INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN'S STUDIES

(2019 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

**Part A***Answer any two of the following questions.**Each question carries 20 marks.*

1. Define Patriarchy. Explain how the process of socialization ensure and reaffirm a Patriarchal society.
2. Describe the evolution of Women's Studies in India. To what extent has it helped in empowering women ?
3. "The interplay of caste, class and religion on women has challenged women's empowerment in Kerala". Discuss.
4. Discuss the contributions of :
  - a) Neera Desai ; b) Vena Majumdar ; and c) Kamala Bhasin.

(2 × 20 = 40 marks)

**Part B***Answer any ten of the following questions.**Each question carries 4 marks.*

5. Bring out difference between Masculinity and Femininity.
6. Write about the status of women in the Vedic period.
7. Discuss the marriages in Nayar families.
8. Write a note on media's role in gender equality.
9. What are the gender dimension to access to resources ?
10. Why are women subject to domestic violence ?

**Turn over**

11. Give the meaning of Biological Determinism.
12. What do you understand by gendered occupational segregation ?
13. Briefly discuss the status of women in Buddhism.
14. Bring out the role of family in sustaining stereotypism.
15. Discuss Kamala Bhasin's role in popularising gender to the general public.
16. Why do women fear success ?
17. Political participation of women is very low in India. Give reasons.
18. Write a note on any *two* issues faced by women in Kerala.
19. What is the nature and scope of Women's Studies ?

(10 × 4 = 40 marks)

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WMS 1C 02—HISTORY OF WOMEN'S MOVEMENT

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*Answer any two of the following questions.**Each question carries 20 marks.***Part A**

1. Critically analyse the evolution and contribution of women's movement from 1800 to 1920s.
2. Describe the impact of Global Feminism on women's status.
3. Elucidate the Gender Question with special reference to South Asia.
4. Elaborate on the significance of feminist groups and organisations with special reference to Kerala

(2 × 20 = 40 marks)

**Part B***Answer any ten of the following questions.**Each question carries 4 marks.*

5. Write about the Enlightenment Period.
6. Why is Women's Day celebrated ?
7. What do you understand by the 'Women's Question' ? Give examples.
8. Write a note on Eco-Feminism.
9. State the importance of Dalit Feminism.
10. What was the need for Suffrage movement ?
11. Discuss the functioning of SEWA'.
12. Write about the "Wall of Protest" campaign in Kerala.

13. Briefly write about the status of women in Islam.
14. Explain the significance of Communist movement in emancipation of women.
15. Discuss about Seneca Falls Convention.
16. State the importance of CEDAW.
17. Bring out the interplay of gender race and class.
18. Write a note on the contributions of Bina Agarwal.
19. Give a note on Left Movement in supporting women's movement.

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1. Discuss the challenges in analyzing traditional and contemporary gender identity.
2. Discuss the debate around representations of women in "*Family, Private Property and the State*" by Friedrich Engels.
3. Discuss the complexities in the contemporary Gender Theories in the Indian context.
4. Write about the contributions of a) Mary Wolfstonecraft ; and b) Betty Friedan.

**(2 × 20 = 40 marks)****Part B***Answer any **ten** of the following questions.**Each question carries 4 marks.*

5. Distinguish between Masculinity and Femininity.
6. Debate on the reproductive role of women.
7. Briefly explain Psychoanalytical Feminism.
8. State the reason for Simon identifying women as the second sex.
9. How and why did black feminism rise ?
10. Write a short note on radical feminism.
11. Write a note on the views of Sojourner Truth about feminism.
12. How do Marxism Feminist view the feminist movement ?

**Turn over**

13. Has gender identity increased violence against women ?
14. Write a short note on issues of women in property rights.
15. What do you understand by sexual orientation ?
16. Write a brief note on the Institution of family.
17. What was the major focus of Butler in “Gender Trouble” ?
18. Why does Freud think women envy men ?
19. Write a short note on eco feminism.

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WMS 1C 04—WOMEN AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

**Part A***Answer any two of the following questions.**Each question carries 20 marks.*

1. "Human Rights is Women's Rights"—Discuss it in the context of India.
2. Trace the role of United Nations in ensuring women's human rights. Do you think they have ensured women's rights ?
3. Evaluate the impact of Globalisation on women's human rights.
4. Discuss the role of Judiciary, Legislature and Executive in protecting women's human rights.

(2 × 20 = 40 marks)

**Part B***Answer any ten of the following questions.**Each question carries 4 marks.*

5. What are the redressal mechanisms adopted in India to protect women's rights ?
6. Do women need 33 % reservation in governance ? Give your opinion.
7. Bring out the role of media in protecting women's rights.
8. Briefly explain the Natural Law Theory.
9. Write about MDG goals.
10. State the need for reproductive rights for women.
11. How has technology enabled women ?
12. Elucidate on the role of NGO's in protecting the rights of women.
13. Explain the significance of Human Rights Education.

14. What are the issues of marginalized women ?
15. Write a note on the Protection of Human Rights Act 1993.
16. List out the functions of Human Rights Commission in India.
17. What is affirmative action ?
18. Bring out the importance of CEDAW.
19. Write a note on ICPD.

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