

BA (Hons.) Examination- 2023
Minor Subject for NEP (Theo)
Semester- I
Subject: Women's Studies
Paper: Fundamentals of Women's Studies
Paper Code: MNWS01

Time: 3 Hours

Total Marks: 80

Questions are of value as indicated on the margin

Answer any four questions:

1. Trace the historical context in which the discipline of Women's Studies developed. What were the rationale behind the growth of this discipline? Write a note on the Towards Equality Report. 8+6+6
2. What do you understand by gender socialisation? What are the various agents of gender socialisation? Discuss how gender socialisation shapes gender identities. 4+8+8
3. What do you understand by 'missing women'? What are the determinants of son preference in South Asia? 10+10=20
4. Define patriarchy. Discuss how the concept of patriarchy has been conceptualized and analyzed in different ways by different feminist scholars. 5+15
5. What are the different phases of women's movement in India? Discuss how the course of women's movement was shaped by the appearance of Mahatma Gandhi during the Nationalist Movement. 3+12
6. What are the key issues around which women mobilised themselves in the post independent period? Discuss how they carried out organised protests against environmental destruction. 10+10

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1. Are sex and gender same? Give reasons. Discuss the concept of sex roles and gender roles with examples. 6+14
2. What are the essential attributes of the discipline of Women's Studies? Trace the historical context of the discipline with special reference to the Towards Equality Report. 8+12
3. How would you define gender inequality? What are the important causes for gender inequality in India? 5+15
4. Define patriarchy. Discuss with examples how patriarchy is reflected in our everyday lives. 5+15
5. Define violence against women. Discuss how women face violence throughout their lives in India. 5+15
6. Give an account of the history of women's movement in Independent India. 20