

**2022**

**ENGLISH — HONOURS**

**Paper : DSE-B-2**

**(Contemporary India : Women and Empowerment)**

**Full Marks : 65**

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words  
as far as practicable.*

**Group - A**

1. Answer **any five** of the following questions : 1×5
- (a) Who was the feminist who launched the second wave of the Women's Liberation Movement?
  - (b) What was the aim of the Chipko Movement in India in the 1970s?
  - (c) What is the significance of the Vishakha Guidelines of 1997?
  - (d) Which environmentalist is mainly associated with the Narmada Bachao Andolan (NBA)?
  - (e) What does female foeticide mean?
  - (f) Who was Savitribai Phule?
  - (g) What is another name for the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2013?

**Group - B**

**(Society, Sex and Gender)**

2. Answer **any one** question (within 800 words) : 20×1
- (a) Would you agree that V. Geetha has analysed not only patriarchy, but also the intangible power relations between women and men? Answer with reference to her book *Gender*.
  - (b) How does Kate Millett prove, that the power that men have over women is socially constructed, instead of being biological or innate. Answer with reference to her work *Sexual Politics*.
  - (c) Discuss how Sandra Gilbert and Susan Gubar show that patriarchal domination is visible in the themes, plots and characters of even female authored works. Illustrate your answer from *The Madwoman in the Attic*.

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**Group - C**

**(History of Women's Movement in India)**

3. Answer *any one* question (within 600 words) : 15×1
- (a) Would you agree that in India, the beginning of an organized feminist movement started with the mass mobilization of women for the nationalist cause? Illustrate.
  - (b) How did women participate in the anti-price rise agitations in Maharashtra in the early 1970s? Discuss its consequences.
  - (c) Discuss how women became part of sustained campaigns to protest against dowry-deaths, in the 20th century.

**Group - D**

**(Women and Law)**

4. Answer *any one* question (within 600 words) : 15×1
- (a) What is the significance of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act of 1956 in Indian legal history?
  - (b) Discuss the salient features of the Shah Bano case of 1985.
  - (c) What are the essential characteristics of the Equal Remuneration Act of 1976? Elaborate.

**Group - E**

**(Dalit Women)**

5. Answer *any one* question (within 400 words) : 10×1
- (a) Discuss some of the types of violence which are faced by Dalit women in India.
  - (b) What do you know about Dalit feminism? Who are its major proponents?

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