

Paper : DSE-B-2**(Contemporary India : Women and Empowerment)****Full Marks : 65****Group - A****1. Answer *any five* of the following questions :****1×5**

- (a) What aspects of social life are dealt with by V. Geetha in her book *Gender*?
- (b) What major change has been brought about in rape law?
- (c) What does Kate Millett critique in her book *Sexual Politics*?
- (d) Who is widely considered to be the mother of the Women's Liberation Movement?
- (e) How did the protesters of the Chipko Movement prevent the trees from being cut down?
- (f) Which two cities does Raka Ray compare in her book *Fields of Protest : Women's Movements in India*?
- (g) What is the difference between 'feminine' and 'female'?

Group - B**(Society, Sex and Gender)****2. Answer *any one* question (within 800 words) :****20×1**

- (a) Do you believe that gender is a construct? Discuss with arguments and examples.
- (b) What is the significance of the title of Sandra Gilbert and Susan Gubar's book *The Madwoman in the Attic*?
- (c) How does Rinita Mazumdar discuss the relation among women, civil society and the state? Answer with reference to *A Short Introduction to Feminist Theory*.

Group - C**(History of Women's Movement in India)****3. Answer *any one* question (within 600 words) :****15×1**

- (a) Discuss women's participation in the Quit India Movement.
- (b) Discuss the efforts made by the reformers of Bengal, with special reference to abolishing the practice of Sati and the custom of child marriage.
- (c) Analyse the term 'women's activism', in the post-Independence era, with particular stress on their rights to speech, education and emancipation.

Please Turn Over

Group - D
(Women and Law)

4. Answer **any one** question (within 600 words) : 15×1
- (a) Why was the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act enacted? Discuss.
 - (b) What is the significance of the Dowry Prohibition Act of 1961?
 - (c) Discuss some of the Constitutional rights available to women in India.

Group - E
(Dalit Women)

5. Answer **any one** question (within 400 words) : 10×1
- (a) Discuss how Dalit women fall victim to caste-based exploitation especially in the rural areas.
 - (b) Why is Savitribai Phule considered to be a pioneer in the education of Dalit women? Elaborate.
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