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P.G. Diploma in Women's and Gender Studies

Term-End Examination

December, 2013

**MWG-001 : THEORIES AND CONCEPTS IN
WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES**

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : Attempt any five questions.

All questions carry equal marks.

1. According to you, did the situation of Western women change for the better in the 19th and 20th centuries ? Discuss this in the context of the evolution of the women's movement in the west. 20
2. "The 19th century social reform movements in India were less about women and more about debating tradition and modernity, culture and nation". Do you agree or disagree with this claim ? Use the material you have read to support your argument. 20
3. Explain the different aspects of peasant and working class feminist discourse with the help of suitable examples. 20

4. Does an understanding of the social construction of sexuality change the way we define the notions of 'natural' and 'normal' in the context of sexuality and sexual relations ? Discuss with the help of examples. 20
5. What is Marxist feminism and on what basis has it been critiqued ? Discuss. 20
6. In what ways do gender and disability impact each other ? Discuss with the help of examples. 20
7. Write an essay on feminism and psychoanalysis while pointing out the major contributions of feminist theorists in this area. 20
8. Write short notes on **any four** of the following : 20
- (a) Need for intersectional analysis in the women's question in India
 - (b) The sexual hierarchy
 - (c) Prakriti, Shakti and Eco-feminism
 - (d) Feminist Critique of Philosophy
 - (e) Hindu Code Bill
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