

**P.G. DIPLOMA/M.A. IN WOMEN'S AND  
GENDER STUDIES (PGDWGS/MAWGS)**

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**Term-End Examination**

**December, 2014**

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

*Time : 3 hours*

*Maximum Marks : 100*

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**Note :** Attempt any *five* questions. All questions carry equal marks.

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1. Do you think the women's question is defined differently in the West and in India ? Explain it in the different contexts to justify your answer. 20
2. Discuss the evolution of the Indian Feminist Movement showing how it is deeply connected to the issues of social and political rights. 20
3. Why have dalit feminists rejected the claims of upper caste feminist women in India ? Discuss by examining some important issues that set dalit feminism apart from the dominant feminist movement in India. 20
4. What is feminist environmentalism ? Discuss its importance in the Indian context. 20

5. What do we mean by the social construction of sexuality ? Substantiate your response with the help of examples. 20
6. How have feminists responded to male-centered viewpoints in Social Science disciplines ? Explain in the context of any two of the following disciplines : History/Political Science/Economics. 20
7. How have feminist critiques of the practices of reading and writing changed the conventional views of literature ? Discuss with reference to the works of specific scholars. 20
8. What do we mean by the critique of heteronormativity ? Discuss from the perspective of Queer Movements. 20
9. What do we mean by feminist disability studies ? How has this influenced feminist thought ? Discuss. 20
10. Write short notes on any **four** of the following : 4×5=20
- (a) Socialist Feminism
  - (b) Dalit Patriarchy
  - (c) Alienation
  - (d) Double Colonization
  - (e) "The Closet"