

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

Term-End Examination

December, 2016

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

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note :

- (i) *Attempt any four questions.*
- (ii) *All questions carry equal marks.*

1. Discuss the evolution of the women's movement in the West in terms of the 'three waves'. Explain the reasons for the backlash against the western women's movement in the post-1980s era. 25
2. Compare the struggles for suffrage in India and the West. What role has suffrage played across the globe in shaping women's movements ? Discuss. 25
3. Analyse the relationship between the 'history of peasant and working class movements' and 'peasant and working class feminism'. 25

4. What do you understand by the term “social construction of sexuality” ? Discuss with the help of the following terms : ‘normative’, ‘natural’, ‘sexual hierarchy’, ‘gender transgression’ 25
 5. Do you think that science is gender-neutral ? Justify your response with the help of examples from the disciplines of Physics and Biology. 25
 6. Discuss in detail Juliet Mitchell’s and Jacqueline Rose’s defence of the work of Jacques Lacan. Present your own perspective on the above. 25
 7. Explain how Queer theory can be used for a revised reading of literary texts with the help of specific examples. 25
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