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

Term-End Examination

December, 2018

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

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

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- Note :** (i) *Attempt any four questions.*
(ii) *All questions carry equal marks.*
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1. Explain the difference between socialist feminism and radical feminism in the context of western women's movements. 25
2. Distinguish between queer politics and identities in India today in relation to queer politics and identities in the west. 25
3. Discuss how feminist critiques in the disciplines mentioned below have led to revised understandings of knowledge construction : 25
 - (a) Biology and Medical Science, and
 - (b) Anthropology and Sociology
4. Discuss the following : 25
 - (a) Female sexuality in Freudian theory, and
 - (b) Feminist critiques of Freudian theory with special attention to Kate Millett and Nancy Chodorow.

5. Discuss the contributions of any three postcolonial theorists : 25
- (a) Edward Said
 - (b) Gayatri Spivak
 - (c) Homi Bhabha
 - (d) Chandra Mohanty
6. Using any two literary texts, show how queer theory can throw light on queer writing. Cite specific theorists to support your answer. 25
7. Write short notes on the following five : 5x5=25
- (a) Cycles, Typewriters and the Vote
 - (b) New Feminisms
 - (c) Gayle Rubin and the Sexual Hierarchy
 - (d) The Homosocial
 - (e) Reading, Interpretation and Feminism
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