

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

Term-End Examination

June, 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. "It is impossible to compare the women's movements in the west in the 19th and 20th centuries with those in India at the same time". Argue in favour of, or against this statement with the help of suitable references. 20
2. Outline some of the main differences between the first and second waves of feminism in the west, showing how these reflect a shift in circumstances and priorities. 20
3. Compare and contrast the history of dalit feminism and black feminism with the help of specific examples. 20

4. Has the judgement taken by the Delhi High Court on Section 377 impacted previously marginalized groups in a positive way ? Discuss the impact, arguing for the significant role of Section 377 or its limitations. 20
5. Provide a broad outline of feminist intervention in the humanities, highlighting the gains made by feminist critique, and using examples from the work of feminist scholars. 20
6. "Post colonial feminism challenges many aspects of mainstream western feminism." Comment and discuss with the help of examples. 20
7. Explain Freud's theory of the Oedipus complex and show why and how feminist scholars have disagreed with this theory, with specific references to the work of Kate Millett and Nancy Chodorow ? 20
8. Write short notes on *any four* of the following : 5x4=20
- (a) Feminism and Colonialism
 - (b) Counter Cultural Essentialism
 - (c) Tebhaga Movement
 - (d) Division of Reality into Dichotomous Categories
 - (e) 'Alienation' and Marxist Feminism
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