

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

Term-End Examination

June, 2017

**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. (a) Discuss the links between political, social and economic changes in the 1990s in India to gender issues. 10x2=20
(b) Do you see any changes in this situation in the 21st century ? Discuss gender relations in today's context and the role of the feminist movement in improving gender relations, from your own perspective.

2. "Feminism has been identified as the chief force behind the women's movements all over the world." Comment on the above : 10+10=20
(a) Explain your understanding of the term 'feminism' and its relationship to women's movements.
(b) Argue for or against the need for feminism as a way of achieving gender equality.

3. Discuss the nature and current debates which define black feminist discourse. 20

4. Discuss the terms 'natural' and 'normal' in the context of the social construction of sexuality. 20
5. What role does identity politics play in queer movements ? What are some possible ways of overcoming the limitations of identity politics ? Discuss. 20
6. Discuss feminist critiques of knowledge in philosophy with special attention to the exclusion of the feminine in philosophical discourse. 20
7. "Although a rights-based approach has entered the disability rights movement, the specific concerns of women with disabilities have not yet found a place in public policies and programmes in India." 20
- (a) Agree or disagree with this statement with the help of examples.
- (b) Using the example of any film you have seen, illustrate your argument further.
8. Write short notes on **any four** : 4x5=20
- (a) Homosocial
- (b) Castration Complex
- (c) Juliet Mitchell's response to psychoanalysis
- (d) Oscar Wilde
- (e) Goals of post colonial theorists
- (f) Orientalism
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