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

**Term-End Examination**

**June, 2017**

**MWG-004 : GENDERED BODIES AND  
SEXUALITIES**

*Time : 3 hours*

*Maximum Marks : 100*

**Note :** (i) *Answer any five of the following questions.*  
(ii) *All questions carry equal marks.*

1. How performative acts can be utilised to explore the representation of the female and male bodies differently ? Discuss. **20**
2. "Disability carries a devalued identity." Critically analyse this sentence in the context of motherhood and society. **20**
3. (a) What do you understand by the "Social construction of the maternal." Explain with the help of examples. **10**  
(b) Discuss the debates on abortion in Western and Indian contexts. **10**
4. Based on the writings of Luce Irigaray and Helene Cinois discuss the notion of the 'feminine'. **20**

5. Women's access to reproductive technologies is a matter of choice? State your position and analyse it with help of examples. 20
6. What is understood by the phrase "symbolisation of biological reproduction"? Discuss in the context of the labour market. 20
7. Analyse the inter-linkages between gender and religion with special focus on the Bhakti tradition. Discuss the concept of ceremonial nudity and ceremonial veiling. 20
8. Write short notes on any four of the following : 4x5=20
- (a) Embodiment
  - (b) Racialised birth control
  - (c) Disabilism
  - (d) Androgyny
  - (e) Alienation
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