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**M. A./P. G. DIPLOMA IN WOMEN'S
AND GENDER STUDIES
(MAWGS/PGDWGS)
Term-End Examination
June, 2019**

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

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

*Note : Attempt any four questions. All questions
carry equal marks.*

1. Discuss the shift from the 19th to the end of the 20th century in terms of the women's movement in India showing how the women's question is a social question.

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2. Explain how the notion of 'sexual norms' can be challenged through an understanding of the social construction of sexuality. 25
3. Discuss the impact of feminist critiques on knowledge construction in the following disciplines : 25
 - (a) Political science
 - (b) Philosophy
4. Discuss the various aspects of Marxist feminism and feminist critiques to Marxist theory. 25
5. What are some of the challenges represented by post-colonial feminism to mainstream western feminism ? To what extent is a critique of post-colonial feminist theory possible ? Elaborate on both issues. 25

6. How is the language of sexuality rights tied to the idea of the democratic contract ? Discuss with the help of suitable examples. 25
7. Write short notes on the following *five* : 5 each
- (a) "Suffrage"
 - (b) Ambedkar and Dalit feminism
 - (c) Sherry Ortner and the Nature/Culture Debate
 - (d) Lesbians in the women's and queer movements
 - (e) Positivist ethos in the sciences