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

Term-End Examination

June, 2015

**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. Critically analyse the impact of globalization and new economic policies on the situation of women in India. 20
2. Discuss the importance of the legacy of Babasaheb Ambedkar in the context of Dalit feminism. 20
3. (a) Describe Sherry Ortner's view of the nature-culture formulation in respect to gender categories. 10+10
(b) How have Ortner's views been challenged by Indian feminists such as Bina Agarwal and Vandana Shiva ? Discuss.
4. How do sexual norms determine sexual identity ? Critically analyse with the help of examples. 20

5. Discuss the feminist critiques of the way in which knowledge has been constructed in **any two** of the following disciplines : **10+10**
Biology / Physics / Maths.
6. "Radical feminists argue that all women share a common oppression and they constitute a class by themselves as opposed to men." **10+10**
- (a) Expand on this statement to show your understanding of 'Radical Feminism'.
- (b) Do you think Radical Feminism provides a legitimate way of fighting against gender oppression ? Why or why not ? Justify.
7. Do you think feminist disability studies have impacted the way disability has been traditionally viewed ? Discuss with the help of suitable examples. **20**
8. Write short notes on **any four** of the following :
- (a) Distinguish between patriarchal/patrilineal/patrilocal **5x4=20**
- (b) Role of lesbians in the queer movement
- (c) 'Feminism is the radical notion that women are people'
- (d) 'Black feminism'
- (e) Positivist approach in Social Sciences
- (f) French feminism
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