

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

Term-End Examination

December, 2016

**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. "The emergence of the women's question reveals the manner in which Indian feminists negotiated western ideas, accepted many, and re-worked them to create a parallel but distinct account of the women's question." Comment. 20
2. Discuss the theoretical background of western ecofeminism with specific references to the contributions of Sherry Ortner, and its critique. 20
3. Critically analyse the relationship between lesbian politics and the mainstream feminist movement in India. According to you, what are some ways of improving this relationship ? 20
4. Discuss the feminist critique of science with the help of examples from any two specific disciplines. 20

5. (a) Explain the main aspects of Freudian theory pertaining to female sexuality. **10+10=20**
(b) Discuss the positions of two feminist detractors who disagreed with Freud's theory.
6. Analyse the notion of the 'non - normative' in the context of caste, disability and the female body. **20**
7. Discuss the theoretical premise of queer theory and explain the notions of 'gay shame' and 'gay pride' in the context of this theory. **20**
8. Write short notes on **any four** : **4x5=20**
(a) Division of reality into dichotomous categories
(b) Third World Feminism
(c) Oscar Wilde
(d) Personal is Political
(e) Sappho's Lesbos
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