

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

Term-End Examination

December, 2017

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

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : Attempt any five questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. Comment on "the role of gender as an organizing principle of society" in the Indian Context. 20
2. What has been the role of the public/private dichotomy in the evolution of the women's movement in the west, as well as in the backlash towards this movement ? Discuss. 20
3. What do you understand by the dalit feminist critique of dalit patriarchy ? Discuss with the help of examples. 20
4. Explain the term 'Sexual hierarchy' in the context of patriarchy. Elaborate with the help of examples from day to day life situations, explaining how we can hope to move away from such structures. 20

5. What are the pitfalls of cultural essentialism in the context of queer liberation ? Using Ratna Kapur's argument, discuss how these limitations can be countered. 20
6. What do you understand by the phrase "feminist reclamations of certain forms of knowledge" ? Discuss with the support of works by feminist scholars. 20
7. Discuss the significance of Michel Foucault's work in the context of queer theory. 20
8. Write short notes on any four : 4x5=20
- (a) Stand point Epistemology
 - (b) 'Imaginary' and 'Symbolic' according to Lacan
 - (c) Jacqueline Rose's response to psychoanalysis
 - (d) Feminist response to classical anthropology
 - (e) Phallogocentrism vs. feminine writing
 - (f) The 'Closet'
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