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

Term-End Examination

June, 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. (a) What is your understanding of the term 'feminism' ? Explain in the context of western feminist theory. **10+10**
(b) Would you locate black feminism within the larger corpus of western feminism or outside it ? Justify your response with the help of the formation and issues concerning black feminism.
2. Discuss the indigenous approaches to Ecofeminism with specific attention to the contributions of Vandana Shiva and Bina Agarwal. **20**
3. (a) What do you understand by the term 'identity politics' in the context of queer movements ? Explain with the help of suitable examples. **10+10**
(b) How can we move away from identity politics to queer coalitions in a new roadmap for the future ? Discuss.

4. What have feminist perspectives revealed about glaring gender prejudices in **any two** of the following disciplines ? 10+10
- (a) Physics
 - (b) Mathematics
 - (c) Psychoanalysis
5. Explain the main aspects of the feminist theory known as 'Radical Feminism.' Do you agree or disagree with the tenets of Radical Feminism ? Justify your argument. 20
6. Discuss and critically analyse post-colonial feminist theory with the help of contributions of specific post-colonial theorists. 20
7. What influence did the work of Michel Foucault have on queer theory and sexuality ? Discuss. 20
8. Write short notes on **any four** : 4x5=20
- (a) Cultural Essentialism
 - (b) Hijras as an invisible community
 - (c) French Feminism
 - (d) Edward Said's notion of 'Orientalism'
 - (e) Ismat Chughtai's 'Lihaaf'
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