

- d) What was the social situation of the Indian women in the 19th century? Discuss the relevant reform movements.

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[PROGRAMME]

Generic Elective Course (GE)

Course Code : ENG-G-GE-T-2

Full Marks : 60

Time : 2½ Hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

Answer all the questions.

1. Answer any **ten** questions: 2×10=20
 - a) What is gender constancy?
 - b) Why are women often married off to members of the same caste?
 - c) What was Adrienne Rich's argument in the essay titled 'Compulsory Heterosexuality and Lesbian Existence'?
 - d) Mention any two books written by Pandita Ramabai.
 - e) Name any two women's organisations in the colonial era inclined towards Gandhian politics.

- f) Refer to any two of the women's organisations in the post-colonial era which were engaged with linking feminism with anti-caste social movements.
- g) What was the purpose for framing the Prohibition of Sex Selection Act (1994)?
- h) How did the Indian feminists react to The Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Divorce) Bill of 1986?
- i) How can one use Article 23 of the Indian Constitution to resist the exploitation of women?
- j) What is infanticide?
- k) Why is the Supreme Court's judgment in the Vishaka case considered pioneering?
- l) Why is sex determination considered an unlawful practice in India?
- m) Who initiated struggle against the Maheshwar Dam in Madhya Pradesh?
- n) Mention any two of the Evangelists highlighting the misery of the Indian women.
- o) What does the ecofeminist interpretation of the Chipko Movement highlight?

2. Answer any **four** questions : 5×4=20
- a) What are the causes and the consequences of domestic violence?
 - b) Are the personal laws based on the logic of gender discrimination? Argue.
 - c) Write a brief note on the activities of the Indian women in the public sphere in the first four decades of the 20th century.
 - d) Comment on the social organisation of gender in the traditional Indian societies.
 - e) Discuss the efforts of the women's right groups to modify the laws in India in the early 1970s and 1980s.
 - f) What happened to women as a consequence of The Partition in 1947?
3. Answer any **two** questions: 10×2=20
- a) Write a note on the situation of sexual harassment of women in public places in India.
 - b) What are the Constitutional provisions for the empowerment of the Indian women?
 - c) How do people use gender stereotypes to deprive women of their rights in Indian societies?