

6. (a) Write a note on any one legal reform that changed the position of women in nineteenth century India.

Or

- (b) Discuss the main provisions of the law against sexual harassment. Does this law provide adequate protection to women in the workplace. Give reasons for your answer.
7. (a) Analysing examples from contemporary India that you have studied as part of this course, define patriarchy and explore the reasons for its persistence over time.

Or

- (b) Indian women have benefited from legal and constitutional protections gained from an active feminist movement. Discuss this statement with the help of any two such legal and constitutional protections gained from post-Independence India.

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Instructions for Candidates

1. Write your Roll No. on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper.
2. This paper contains two parts, Part A and Part B. Both parts are compulsory.
3. Candidates have to answer all the questions from Part A and any THREE questions from part B.
4. Questions in Part A carry 10 marks each and questions in Part B carry 20 marks each.

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PART A

1. (a) Critically discuss the depiction of child marriage in 'Our Wretched Lives' by Baby Kamble.

Or

- (b) Patriarchy has been "viewed as more than the subordination of women. It has been pointed out that not all men are powerful in a patriarchal system." Analyse the above statement by V. Geetha

2. (a) Modern science as a patriarchal mode of knowing is necessarily violent to nature and women. Discuss in the context of Vandana Shiva's essay on 'Science, Nature and Gender'.

Or

- (b) Discuss the casteist nature of the gender violence faced by Dalit women with reference to the text "Bayen".

3. (a) Write a note on any one legal reform that changed the status and position of women in nineteenth century India.

Or

- (b) What is domestic violence? What are the challenges in the implementation of the Protection of Women Against Domestic Violence Act 2005.

PART B

4. (a) What is the impact of gender on Rassundari Devi's and Baby Kamble's lives? Discuss with close reference to the prescribed portions from their autobiographies.

Or

- (b) The short story "Sultana's Dream" by Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain is a depiction of feminist utopia. Do you agree? Give a reasoned answer.

5. (a) Discuss how women suffer and resist marginalisation in terms of caste, religion, and gender to create an empowered identity for themselves with the help of "Bayen" and "Parable of the lost daughter".

Or

- (b) Does gender impact one's social, economic, personal and cultural identities? Discuss this impact of gender with the help of the prescribed texts by John and Kasturi.