

communities? Discuss with reference to Kumkum Sangari's essay.

OR

(b) The campaign for the education of girls and women was the foundation of social change.' Discuss the contributions of some of the prominent social reformers of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries as explained by Radha Kumar in History of Doing.

7. (a) How does gender discrimination affect society? Explain with the help of any three texts you have studied as part of the course.

OR

(b) Women writing about their desire for freedom from gender-based discrimination and violence shows that even at their most restricted, the marginalised and oppressed continue to dream of a better world. Do you agree? Discuss in relation to texts you have studied in this course

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Instructions for Candidates

1. Write your Roll. No. on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper.
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PART A

1. (a) Discuss the effect of early marriage of girls using the extracts from Rassundari Debi and Baby Kamble.

OR

- (b) Domestic violence against women can be both subtle and overt. Do you agree? Discuss with the help of texts you have studied as part of the course.

2. (a) Discuss the allegations of witchcraft made against the protagonist in "Bayen".

OR

- (b) Do women contribute to the protection and growth of India's ecological resources? Discuss in relation to the prescribed essay by Vandana Shiva.

3. (a) Write about the debates regarding the Age of Consent in colonial India.

OR

- (b) Discuss the contribution of Dalit woman to India's independence movement.

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PART B

4. (a) The celebration and enforcement of normative feminine social roles by patriarchy binds women. Discuss with examples from the reading by V. Geetha.

OR

- (b) The mardana in "Sultana's Dream" is not an exact copy of the zenana and is used to critically comment on patriarchy. Discuss with close reference to the story.

5. (a) "The Parable of the Lost Daughter" shows the privileges of patriarchy and caste to be interlinked and contributing to the continuation of both. Do you agree? Discuss with close reference to the text.

OR

- (b) Why does being female correlate with a higher degree of economic poverty? Discuss with the help of the prescribed text by Mary John.

6. (a) Do you think personal laws in India help in empowering women of various religious

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