

University of Hyderabad
Centre for Women's Studies
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M. Phil Gender Studies

Time 2 Hours

Maximum Marks 75

Hall Ticket No. _____

- 1. This question paper consists of three parts. **Part A, Part B and Part C.** All parts are to be attempted.*
- 2. **Part A** should be answered in the question paper itself. Each question carries 1 mark. It should be noted that there is negative marking of 1/3 for every wrong answer in Part A. The negative marking is only for Part A.*
- 3. **Part B and C** should be answered in a separate answer book provided and, if necessary, using additional answer books.*

Part-A

(Marks: 1 x 25 = 25)

*The questions that follow have four plausible answers of which **ONE** is correct. Indicate the answer by writing the alphabet (a, b, c, d) corresponding to the correct answer in the brackets provided at the end of each question.*

Note: There is a negative marking of 1/3 for every wrong answer.

1. Who among the following is a noted civil rights activist from Pakistan?

- a) Taslima Nasrin
- b) Aruna Asaf Ali
- c) Jamila Nishat
- d) Asma Jahangir

Answer ()

2. The association devoted to the advancement of science among women in developing countries is:

- a) International academy for women in science
- b) United Nations consortium for women in science
- c) United Nations forum for women's development
- d) Third world organization for women in science

Answer ()

3. Which among the following is considered to be a landmark in Indian cinema portraying a woman's search for identity and fulfilment?

- a) *Bhoomika*
- b) *Parzania*
- c) *Roja*
- d) *Deewar*

Answer ()

4. Who is the author of the feminist classic *The Feminine Mystique*?

- a) Simone de Beauvoir
- b) Betty Freidan
- c) Germaine Greer
- d) Arundhati Roy

Answer ()

5. Who among the following was an African American abolitionist as well as women's rights activist of the 19th Century?

- a) Sojourner Truth
- b) Oprah Winfry
- c) Rosa Parks
- d) Condoleezza Rice

Answer ()

6. Who is the first and so far the only black actress to win an Oscar as best actress in a leading role?

- a) Naomi Campbell
- b) Oprah Winfry
- c) Halle Berry
- d) Jada Pinkett Smith

Answer ()

7. Who among the following has become an icon of struggle against military repression in Manipur?

- a) Agatha K. Sangma
- b) Irom Sharmila
- c) Moirangthem Landhoni
- d) Temsula Ao

Answer ()

8. Which case galvanized the women's movement into asking for reforms of the criminal law dealing with rape?

- a) Mathrua
- b) Bhanwari devi
- c) Imrana
- d) Nidhi Gupta

Answer ()

9. Who among the following is known for her struggle against state-sponsored communal violence in Gujarat?

- a) Mallika Sarabhai
- b) Saroj Pathak
- c) Teesta Setalvad
- d) Anita Desai

Answer ()

10. Which book explores the relationship between history, gender and multiple versions built around an embodiment of 'Indian womanhood'?

- a) *Train to Pakistan*
- b) *Chokher Bali*
- c) *Women in Early Indian Societies*
- d) *Sakuntala: Texts, Readings, Histories*

Answer ()

11. Which of the following films deals with the conditions of the Hindu widow?

- a) *Fire*
- b) *Water*
- c) *Sholay*
- d) *Hazaar Chaurasi ki Maa*

Answer ()

12. Who among the following has written extensively about the histories and struggles of tribal communities?

- a) Jhumpa Lahiri
- b) Mahasweta Devi
- c) Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak
- d) Arundhati Roy

Answer ()

13. Which Government Agency is responsible for looking after the interests of the women of Indian origin who are employed abroad as domestic workers?

- a) Protector of Emigrants
- b) Ministry of Women and Child Welfare
- c) Labour Commissioner
- d) Ministry of Human Resources

Answer ()

14. Who is Aung San Suu Kyi?

- a) The deposed President of Myanmar
- b) Nobel Laureate and human rights activist from Myanmar
- c) South East Asian novelist
- d) Greenpeace activist

Answer ()

15. Who is the author of *Backlash: The Undeclared War Against American Women*?

- a) Virginia Woolf
- b) Elaine Showalter
- c) Naomi Wolf
- d) Susan Faludi

Answer ()

16. Sexual Aggression:

- a) Includes stalking and obscene phone calls
- b) Is usually committed by a stranger or unknown person
- c) Is gender symmetrical
- d) None of the above

Answer ()

17. Which of the following focused on women's suffrage?

- a) First wave feminism
- b) Second wave feminism
- c) Third wave feminism
- d) Radical feminism

Answer ()

18. Who wrote *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman*?

- a) Toni Morrison
- b) Mary Wollstonecraft
- c) Mary Shelley
- d) Hannah Arendt

Answer ()

19. Who among the following is a noted ecofeminist?

- a) Vandana Shiva
- b) Nirmala Banerjee
- c) Shanta Sinha
- d) Bina Agarwal

Answer ()

20. Which of the following texts acted as a catalyst for the foundation and promotion of Women's Studies in India?

- a) *A Space Within the Struggle*
- b) *Report of the Committee on the Status of Women in India*
- c) *Women and Society in India*
- d) *Women Writing in India*

Answer ()

21. Who has figured at the centre of recent debates around gender, sexual violence and euthanasia in India?

- a) Aruna Shanbaug
- b) Dr. Death
- c) Kanchan Chandravanshi
- d) K. Venkatesh

Answer ()

22. Who is the leader of the Adivasi Gothra Maha Sabha in the Wayanad region of Kerala?

- a) Tulasi Munda
- b) Birsa Munda
- c) C K Janu
- d) Shibu Sorcn

Answer ()

23. Which Indian feminist historian has researched extensively on the women's wing of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)?

- a) Romila Thapar
- b) Kumkum Roy
- c) Tanika Sarkar
- d) Janaki Nair

Answer ()

24. Who wrote *The Weave of My Life-A Dalit Woman's Memoir*?

- a) Sara Joseph
- b) Urmila Pawar
- c) Bama
- d) Kumud Pawde

Answer ()

25. Which of the following cases led to debates about the extent of having different civil codes for different religions in India?

- a) Radhika Talwar case
- b) Shah Bano case
- c) Jessica Lal case
- d) Visakha case

Answer ()

Part B

Write short notes on any five of the following questions. (5 x 5 = 25)

1. Transgender studies.
2. The gendered nature of language
3. Your idea of a New Woman
4. Role of women journalists in visual media
5. Women's bodies as the site of violence during the Partition.
6. Development through the lens of gender.
7. Gendered Division of Labour
8. The Domestic Violence Act of 2005
9. Empowering women through science
10. Factors detrimental for women's access to management positions

Part C

Write an essay on any one of the following questions.

(1 x 25 = 25)

1. Write an essay on the beauty myth and cosmetology.
2. Our understanding of the past has been primarily from a male perspective and women's voices are not heard. Elaborate.
3. Globalization has opened up a host of opportunities for women but has also initiated new forms of oppression. Discuss.
4. What do you think are some of the issues in balancing home and work for women?
5. Examine some of the issues taken up by the women's movement in India.

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