

M.Phil. / Ph.D. Course work Examination 2016
Women's Studies
Course – 2 (Elective)
Feminist Thought

Time – 4 Hours

Full Marks – 80

Questions are of equal value

Answer any four questions

1. Critically evaluate the contribution of either Mary Wollstonecraft or J.S. Mill to the issue of women and education. Do you consider the relevant essay as more of an appeal than demand for radical change? Discuss.
 2. a) Critically discuss the basic tenets of Engel's arguments as presented in his book "The Origin of Family, Private Property and the State", regarding gender.
Or
b) Is being "the other" always a negative thing? Reflect upon postmodern feminism's proposition that otherness is much more than simply an oppressed condition.
 3. a) Discuss the Libertarian and Cultural Radical Feminists' views on the Sex/Gender System.
Or
b) Critically discuss how the different strands of Radical Feminism construed the question of reproduction and women's subordination.
 4. a) Do you think it is possible to discuss Black feminism separately? Discuss critically.
Or
b) Do you consider *Dalit* women's position as more complicated than the condition of women elsewhere? Discuss critically.
 5. Attempt a critique of existentialist feminism with reference to the arguments given by Simone de Beauvoir.
 6. Critically discuss Esther Boserup's thesis on women and development after Beneria and Sen.
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