

M.A. Examination, 2018
Semester-IV
Philosophy
Course – XXXII (Special Paper)
Feminist Perspectives (Indian)

Time: Three Hours

Full Marks: 40

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.

Answer *any four* questions

1. Discuss briefly the status of Indian women during classical period (400 BCE-400 CE) with reference to the Sanskrit texts of this period. 10
 2. Briefly examine the position of women in the oldest book of the *Īgveda*. 10
 3. State briefly the position of Buddhist nuns. Also examine the eight strict rules meant for nuns to defer to monks in all formal matters. 10
 4. Briefly examine the debate on 'spiritual capacities of women' between the Digambara and the Svetambara schools of Jainism. 10
 5. State briefly the position of women in the Adi Granth of the Sikhs. Also critically analyse the Sikh claim to equal worth of the two sexes. 10
 6. Does Gandhi's socio-political philosophy address the issue of gender equity? Discuss. 10
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