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UG Syllabus and Question Pattern (Honours & General) (Women's Studies)

(Under 1+1+1 System)

Main Feature of the Syllabus

Women' Studies (General)

Part / Course	Paper	Revised Paper Code	MCQ / Descriptive	Marks	Time	Total Marks	Total Time
Part-I	I to III	I-A	MCQ	50	1.00 Hr	50	1.00 Hr
		I-B	Descriptive	100	3.00 Hr	100	3.00 Hr
Part-II	IV to VI	II-A	MCQ	50	1.00 Hr	50	1.00 Hr
		II-B	Descriptive	100	3.00 Hr	100	3.00 Hr
Part-III	VII	III-A	MCQ	30	30 Min	100	3.00 Hr
		III-B	Descriptive	70	2.30 Hr		

❖ Revised Paper Code as treated Official Paper Code

Paper	Name	Full Marks
PART - I		
Paper- I	Origin of Women's Study: Concepts and Issues	50
Paper -II	Feminist Theories and Women's Movement	50
Paper -III	Women and Social Institution	50
PART-II		
Paper - IV	Gender Issues in Society and Economy	50
Paper - V	Rights of Women	50
Paper- VI	Legislation for Women in India	50
PART - III		
Paper- VII	Programmes and Policies for Women in India	100

Distribution of Marks: Women's Study

Part I

Full Marks (Paper I+ Paper II + Paper III) = 50+50+50 = 150

Essay & Short Type = 100
MCQ Type = 50

Part II

Full Marks (Paper IV+ Paper V + Paper VI) = 50+50+50 = 150

Essay & Short Type = 100
MCQ Type = 50

Distribution of Marks for Paper I & II (Part- I) and Paper IV & V (Part-II)

Group-A: Essay Type Question	12X2=24
Group-B: Short Type Question	5x2=10
Group-C: MCQ type question	<u>2x8=16</u>
	50

Distribution of Marks for Paper III (Part- I) and Paper VI (Part-II)

Group-A: Essay Type Question	12X2=24
Group-B: Short Type Question	4x2=08
Group-C: MCQ type question	<u>2x9=18</u>
	50

Part III

Full Marks (Paper VII) = 100

Group-A: Essay Type Question	15X4=60
Group-B: Short Type Question	5x2=10
Group-C: MCQ type question	<u>2x15=30</u>
	100

PART-I
Paper -I

Origin of Women's Study: Concepts and Issues

FULL MARKS: 50

Unit-1

- i) Definition
- ii) Origin and Scope of Women's Studies
- iii) Growth and Scope of Women's Studies in India
- iv) UGC Initiatives for Promotion of Women's Studies

Unit – 2

Foundational Concepts

- i) Sex and Gender
- ii) Femininity and masculinity
- iii) Patriarchy
- iv) Equality and Difference
- v) Empowerment

Unit – 3

Status of Women in India

- i) Ancient Period
- ii) Medieval Period

Paper –II

Feminist Theories and Women's Movement

FULL MARKS: 50

Unit-1

Theories of Feminism

- i) Definition of Feminism
- ii) Strands of Feminism
- iii) Liberal Feminism
- iv) Radical Feminism
- v) MarxistFeminism
- vi) Socialist Feminism

Unit – 2

Concept of women's movement

Definition, genesis, basic elements, & classification of women's movement

Women's Movement in India

Phase I: Social Reforms movement in the 19th century.

Phase II: Nationalist Movement.

Unit – 3

Women's Movement in India

Phase III: Women's movement in post-Independent India- Chipko Movement. Issue based Movement – Anti price rise, Dowry, Rape, Anti-alcohol, (Anti Attack Movement).

Paper –III
Women and Social Institution

FULL MARKS: 50

Unit 1

Family – Meaning – Definition & ethos of Joint family and Nuclear family – Patriarchal and matriarchal families.

Marriage - Definition – Monogamy – Polygamy, polyandry

Unit –2

Position of women in colonial & post-colonial Indian Society.

Unit-3

Issues Related to women & the Girl Child – Female foeticide, Child marriage Dowry, Divorce, Domestic Violence, Female Commercial sex workers

PART- II

Paper –IV

Gender Issues in Society and Economy

FULL MARKS: 50

Unit –1

Socio-Demographic Indicators:

- i) Sex Ratio: Definition - Sex Ratio in India, Factors responsible for adverse sex ratio in India, Measures to achieve the balance between the sexes.
- ii) Fertility, Definition –Fertility Rate in India, Factors responsible for higher Fertility rate in India, Measures to bring down Fertility Rate in India.
- iii) Mortality and morbidity – Definition – Infant Mortality Rate and maternal mortality rates in India –Measures to bring down the rates.

Unit – 2

Socioeconomic Indicators

- i) Women and Work – Constraints to work participation
- ii) Paid and Unpaid Work of Women, problems of measurement of unpaid worker
- iii) Women’s Work Participation in different spheres - Case study
- iv) Nature of Work, Work and Health issues

Unit – 3

Labour Market and Women’s Economic Opportunities

- i) Gender Division of Labour
- ii) Gender Issues in Society and Economy
- iii) Segmentation of Labour Market – formal and informal sector

Paper – V

Rights of Women

FULL MARKS: 50

Unit – 1

Rights of Women

- i) Women and Human Rights
- ii) Fundamental Rights and Women : de jure and de facto position
- iii) Directive principles of State Policy and Women’s Rights with special reference to Articles 39,42,43 and 44

Unit - 2

United Nations and women's Issues:

- i) UN Organs working on women's issues: Commission on the Status of women (CSW),
- ii) United Nations Development fund for Women (UNIFEM),
- iii) Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)

Unit - 3

International Conferences and Convention on Women

- i) UN World Conferences on Women – 1975 onwards – The Outcomes
- ii) Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)
- iii) Beijing 1995 Platform for Action
- iv) Millennium Development Goals

Paper –VI Legislation for Women in India

FULL MARKS: 50

Unit – 1

Legislations for Women in India – Social Security

- i) Child Marriage Restraint Act 1929
- ii) The Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, The Hindu Succession Act, 1956 (& amended in 2005),
The Indian Divorce Act, 1969
- iii) Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956
- iv) The Maternity Benefit Act 1961
- v) The Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961
- vi) The Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act 1971
- vii) Family Courts Act, 1984
- viii) Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986
- ix) The Commission of Sati (Prevention) Act, 1987
- x) Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005

Unit – 2

Legislation of Women in India

- i) Factories Act 1948
- ii) Minimum Wages Act 1948,
- iii) Equal Remuneration Act 1976,
- iv) The Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948,
- v) The Plantation Labour Act, 1951,
- vi) The Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act 1976
- vii) Sexual Harassment at the Workplace Act 2010
- viii) Unorganised Sectors

Unit – 3

Women's Empowerment

- i) National Policy for Empowerment of Women, 2001
- ii) National Commission for Women

- iii) 73rd and 74th Amendments of the Constitution of India (with reference to provisions relating to women)
- iv) Women's Personal Security - Domestic Violence Act 2005, Relevant provisions of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973; Special provisions under IPC, The Legal Practitioners (Women) Act, 1923, The Pre-Natal Diagnostic Technique (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1994

Paper –VII
Programmes and Policies for Women in India
FULL MARKS: 100

Unit-1

- i) Community development programme
- ii) integrated rural development programme (IRDP)
- iii) DWCRA (Development of Women & Child in Rural Areas)
- iv) IndiraAawas yojna
- v) Self-help Group for Women
- vi) Balikasamriddhiyojna
- vii) Kanashree Prakalpa

Unit—2

National policy for the Empowerment of women -2000

- i) Education Policy of Govt. of India
- ii) Wage policy of Govt. of India

Unit - 3

Women's Reproductive Rights

- i) National Rural Health Mission
- ii) Focus on Women's Reproductive and Child health issues
- iii) Janani Surkshasa Yozana

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