

2017

M.Phil.

1st Semester Examination

WOMEN STUDIES

PAPER—WMS-112

Full Marks : 50

Time : 2 Hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.

Group—A

1. Answer any *two* questions from the following : 2×10

(a) Explain the following concept as analysed in "The Second Sex".

"One is not born, but rather becomes women". 10

(Turn Over)

- (b) Attempt a critical review of the principles on which Gynocriticism is based. 10
- (c) It is argued that medical knowledge serves male interests and legitimates inequalities between the sexes—explain this concept with example. 10
- (d) Write about different perceptions of the Feminists towards Patriarchy. 10

Group—B

2. Answer any *two* questions from the following : 2×5

- (a) Comment on Freud's influence on Helene Cixous. 5
- (b) Explain in brief, the status of French women when Beauvoir began her work on "The Second Sex". 5
- (c) Comment on Cixous idea of phallocentrism. 5
- (d) Explain, in brief, the concept that dualism is against feminism. 5

Group—C

3. Answer any *five* questions from the following : 5×2

- (a) Write the names of the two volumes of "The Second Sex" written by Simone de Beauvoir.
- (b) Name two Gynocritics other than Helene Cixous.
- (c) Name two ways in which women were empowered during first wave Feminism in USA.
- (d) Why it is said that unfair employment practices are there in science ?
- (e) Which theme is placed at the centre of women's oppression by Glenon ? State why it is placed at the central part of women's oppression.
- (f) Write down, according to Glenon four ideal types of Feminism.
- (g) Why it is said that the paradigm of science has created difficulty for Feminism ?