

2018

M. Phil.

1st Semester Examination

WOMENS' STUDIES

PAPER—WSC-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 : 2×10
- (a) What led to the foundation of Womens' Studies as a discipline in the West ?
 - (b) Is there any necessity to have a feminist theory ?
 - (c) Discuss the influence of French Feminism in shaping theories of Womens' Studies.
 - (d) *Has post modernism* caused a crisis in feminist theories ?

(Turn Over)

Group-B

2. Answer any *two* questions : 2x5
- (a) Within the 'nature versus culture' dichotomy how would you situate women ?
 - (b) What is liberal feminism ?
 - (c) What is androgeny ?
 - (d) How has the meaning of gender changed over time ?

Group-C

3. Answer any *five* questions : 5x2
- (a) What is the argument of Shulamith Firestone in the book 'The Dialectic of sex' ?
 - (b) What is the criticism of radical feminism ?
 - (c) What makes women the 'other' in society ?
 - (d) How would you define the LGBT movement in India ?
 - (e) What is institutionalized patriarchy ?
 - (f) How far the Government of India has assisted in facilitating Womens' Studies Centre across India ?
 - (g) Do you think that the notion of caste is relevant to Womens' Studies ?
 - (h) Why do you think that there is a gap between theory and practice in Womens' Studies ?

[Internal Assessment — 10 Marks]