

2022

M.A.

4th Semester Examination

HISTORY

PAPER—HIS-404

WOMEN AND SOCIETY IN INDIAN HISTORY

Full Marks : 50

Time : 2 Hours

The figures in the 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

Answer any four questions.

4×2

1. What is women's history?

2. What is gender history?

(Turn Over)

3. How was the situation of Hindu Widows' Remarriage dealt with by the educated middle class and the reformers in western India during the mid-nineteenth century?
4. What is the main argument of Tarabai Shinde's book *A Comparison Between Women and Men* published in 1882?
5. Discuss the significance of the Dufferin Fund of 1885.
6. Why was the National Council of Women in India founded in 1925?

Group - B

Answer any four questions.

4×4

7. What circumstances in Bengal led to the Hindu Widows' Remarriage Act of 1856?
8. What was the contribution of Swarnakumari Debi towards women during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries?

9. How was the feminist consciousness revealed through their writings in the Hindi journals during the early twentieth century?
10. What was the significance of the All India Women's Conference?
11. How did Sultan Jahan Begum of Bhopal address the Muslim women's issues?
12. Discuss the activities of the Rani of Jhansi Regiment.

Group - C

Answer any *two* questions. 2×8

13. Do you think that the events that led to the Trakeswar affair resulted from gossip or scandal?
14. What was the politics behind Tilak's opposition to the Age of Consent Bill?

15. How did goddess-centered nationalism acquire new ground at the beginning of the twentieth century?
16. Discuss how Haimavati Sen's medical education and career were at stake due to medical colonization.

[Internal Assessment – 10 Marks]
