

2016

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) Discuss the genesis and growth of Women's Studies.
Can Women's Studies be considered as a discipline?

- (b) What is liberal feminism? What is the critique of liberal feminism by the socialist and radical feminists? 10
- (c) Elucidate the Socialist/Marxist arguments for women's emancipation. 10
- (d) Why the question of women is so important in gender related issues? Argue your case. 10

Group—B

2. Answer *any two* question from the following : 2×5
- (a) Define patriarchy. Differentiate between polygamy and polyandry. 5
- (b) What is the impact of institutionalization of women's and gender studies? 5
- (c) Explain briefly the essence of Simone de Beauvoir's argument in 'The Second Sex'. 5
- (d) Discuss both Levi-Strauss and Gayle Rubin's view on women's oppression in kinship relations. 5

Group—C

3. Answer *any five* question from the following : 5×2
- (a) Define gender. 2
- (b) Define masculinity. 2
- (c) How significant is the contribution of radical feminists? 2
- (d) Write the name of Mary Wollstonecraft's famous book that inaugurated the Liberal Feminism. 2
- (e) Name two prominent Postmodern Feminists. 2
- (f) What is male gaze? 2
- (g) What is eco-feminism? 2
- (h) What is the significance of South Asian Feminism? 2

[Internal Assessment : 10 Marks]
