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ENGLISH

(Generic Elective)

Paper : GE-4

(Contemporary India : Women and Empowerment)

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions.*

UNIT—I

1. Answer any one of the following questions : 15

- (a) Write a note on marriage as a patriarchal institution that defines specific roles for men and women.
- (b) Do you consider 'masculinity' as a social construct? How do you think it creates a set of norms for the 'male' gender of a patriarchal society? Comment critically.

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2. Write a short note on any *one* of the following : 5
- (a) Femininity as a social construct
 - (b) Gendered division of labour
 - (c) The binary of sex/gender

UNIT—II

3. Answer any *one* of the following questions : 15
- (a) Write a note on how Partition of India as a historical event impacted the lives of Indian women.
 - (b) How do you think the Independence movement contributed to the empowerment of women in pre-Independence India? Comment critically.
4. Write a short note on any *one* of the following : 5
- (a) Nationalism and the concept of 'Mother India'
 - (b) Women's political participation in India
 - (c) Women's movement in India after 1947

(3)

UNIT—III

5. Answer any *one* of the following questions : 15
- (a) Do you think an average Indian woman is aware of her legal rights? How can we create more awareness among them? Write a note.
 - (b) How has the prohibition of child marriage in India improved the status of women after Independence? Comment.
6. Write a short note on any *one* of the following : 5
- (a) Customary law and women's property rights
 - (b) Widow remarriage in India
 - (c) Indian Constitution and its safeguard towards women's rights

UNIT—IV

7. Answer any *one* of the following questions : 15
- (a) Examine how 'Sultana's Dream' alters the assigned gender roles and creates an Utopian society based on equality.

- (b) Write a note on 'Teen Dagdachi Chul' as a protest against caste based discrimination in India.
 - (c) Critically examine how women's voice against gender and caste based discrimination leads to freedom and empowerment. Comment on the basis of your reading at *Jinne Amuche*.
8. Write a short note on any one of the following :
- (a) Sexual harassment and women's oppression
 - (b) Women as nurturers of nature
 - (c) Female infanticide as a burning issue in India

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