

**3 (Sem-5/CBCS) ENG-RG 1**

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**ENGLISH**

**( Regular Generic )**

**Paper : ENG-RG-5016**

**( Contemporary India : Women and  
Empowerment )**

**Full Marks : 80**

**Time : 3 hours**

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

**1. Answer the following : 1×10=10**

- (a) Who is the author of *The Other Side of Silence : Voices from the Partition of India* ?**
- (b) Who started Chipko Movement in India?**
- (c) What is the main aim of women's movement?**
- (d) The Sexual Harassment at Workplace Act, 2013 applies to which gender?**
- (e) What does NCW stand for?**
- (f) The Hindu Marriage Act was enacted in which year?**
- (g) Which Scheme provides education to girls and their welfare?**

- (h) Who coined the term 'Queer Theory'?
- (i) What is Khap Panchayat?
- (j) In which year was Women Helpline Scheme launched in India?
- (k) What is domestic violence?
- (l) Name the first President of the Indian Women's Association.
- (m) Who wrote *Mother of 1084*?
- (n) Name the author of *Zindaginama*.
- (o) To whom the poem, *The Old House* is Addressed?
- (p) In which place was the 'Chipko Movement' initiated?
- (q) Name one modern feminist.
- (r) In which part of India does 'Honour Killings' still exist?

2. Answer the following : 2×5=10

- (a) What is the central theme of the book, *The Other Side of Silence*?
- (b) Write what you know about eco-feminism.
- (c) What do you know about 'Honour Killings'?
- (d) Name any two laws that protect women from domestic violence.
- (e) Write briefly on the 'Chipko Movement'.

- (f) Write two forms of violence exercised on women.
- (g) In what ways is female foeticide a social evil?
- (h) How did women empowerment start in India?
- (i) What is the role of women in modern India?
- (j) How does a Khap Panchayat work?

3. Answer any four of the following : 5×4=20

- (a) What were the major issues of the Women's Rights Movement?
- (b) How is the Article 14 of the Indian Constitution valuable for women? Discuss.
- (c) Write the major consequences of the 'Chipko Movement'.
- (d) Explain the status of women education in India.
- (e) What are the measures a woman can take if she faces sexual harassment at workplace?
- (f) Discuss some of the constitutional Rights enjoyed by women in India.
- (g) Examine how women are affected by environmental degradation accelerated by the forces of globalization.

- (h) Discuss the nature of women's movement with suitable examples.

4. Answer any *four* of the following : 10×4=40

- (a) Can you consider *The Old Playhouse* as a feminist poem? If so, why?
- (b) Examine the significance of the role played by Somu's mother in *Mother of 1084*.
- (c) How does *Zindaginama* bring alive Punjab during the British era?
- (d) Discuss the role of women in the Chipko Movement.
- (e) What significant role did women play in the Indian National Movement? Discuss.
- (f) Write a note on the Women's Reform Movement of the 19th century.
- (g) What do you think is the role of family in social construction of gender? Discuss.
- (h) What are the causes that led to female foeticide?
- (i) Discuss the impact of women's political participation on their standing in Indian society.
- (j) Examine three major issues related to women's rights as raised by reformers in nineteenth century India.