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MA 4th Sem. Examination, 2014

Subject : Political Science

Women and Politics Paper - 17

Time : 3 Hrs.

Full Marks : 80

1. Answer any five from the following questions 2×5 =10
(each within 50 words)
- What is gender?
 - Who is regarded as the first feminist? Name the famous book written by her.
 - Name the kinds of family system in India. What is a nuclear family?
 - Name the two women's organisation that came up in America in the 19th century to fight for women's right to vote.
 - What is suffrage?
 - What is Stridhan?
 - Name five areas of family law that were drafted by the Hindu Law Committee in 1947.
2. Answer any three from the following questions 4×3 =12
(each within 100 words)
- Differentiate between gender and sex.
 - What are the issues that women of contemporary India face?
 - What are the features of a matrilineal society?
 - Write a short note on female trafficking.
 - Why do we not find enough women in politics?
 - Write a short note on uniform civil code.

3. Answer any three from the following questions 6 ×3 =18
(each within 250 words)
- What is feminism? Name the different theories of feminism.
 - What were the main social issues faced by women in India in the 19th century?
 - Write a short note on women's movement in North-east India.
 - Describe the main features of Domestic Violence Act, 2005.
 - Explain how SHGs have benefitted women.
4. Answer any four from the following questions 10 ×4 =40
(each within 400 words)
- Write a short note on the different kinds of violence women face in India. Give at least one case study.
 - Discuss the position of women in Assam. How is it different from the other states?
 - Write a critical note on positive and negative aspects of women's participation in local body elections.
 - Discuss the initiatives undertaken by SAFF towards women empowerment.
 - How does our constitution guarantee protection of women against gender discrimination? Mention two difficulties that women labourers face.
 - How do Rukhsana and Huma's stories reflect on the growing awareness of women towards the concept of empowerment?