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OUTLINES OF TESTS, SYLLABI AND COURSES OF READING FOR CERTIFICATE COURSE IN WOMEN'S STUDIES THROUGH DISTANCE EDUCATION EXAMINATIONS, 2012

Paper I: Conceptualising Women's Studies

Max. Marks: 100

Theory : 80

Int. Ass : 20

Time : 3 hours

Objective: The objective of this course is to conscientise the students about some of the key concepts in Women's Studies and their understanding from a feminist and gender perspective.

NOTE:

- The candidate will be assessed for 80 marks on the basis of a written examination and for 20 marks internal assessment.
- There shall be 9 questions in all. The first question shall be compulsory containing 15 short questions spread over the whole syllabus to be answered in about 25 to 30 words each. The candidate is required to attempt any 10 short answer type questions carrying 2 marks each (20 marks). Rest of the paper shall contain 4 units. Each Unit shall have two questions and the candidate shall attempt one question from each unit- 4 in all.

Course Contents

Unit I: Foundational Concepts (from Women's Studies Perspective)- I

- Sex and Gender
- Gender Stereotypes
- Patriarchy
- Equality
- Empowerment

Unit II: Foundational Concepts (from Women's Studies Perspective) -II

- Violence
- Work
- Health
- Development

Unit III: Feminism

- Definition
- Strands of Feminism-
 - Liberal
 - Radical
 - Marxist
 - Socialist

(Note: The focus will be on a general understanding of the various strands of feminism and not on any particular feminist thinker.)

Unit IV: Women's Studies:

- Definition
- Origin and Scope of Women's Studies
- Women's Studies and New Economic Policy
- UGC Initiatives for Promotion of Women's Studies

Essential Readings

Anderson, Margaret, **Thinking About Women**, Macmillan, New York, 1993.

Connel, R.W., **Gender**, Polity, Cambridge, 2002.

Jain, Devaki and Rajput, Pam, (eds), **Narratives from the Women's Studies Family**, Sage, New Delhi, 2003.

Lorber, Judith and Farrell, Susan A. (ed), **The Social Construction of Gender**, Sage, New Delhi, 1991.

Rajput, Pam & Kaur, Manvinder, "Women's Studies in Higher Education in India: Some Reflections", **Samyukta**, Vol III, No.1, January 2003.

Further Readings

Gupta, Abha & Sinha, Smita (eds) **Empowerment of Women: Language and Other**

Paper II: National and International Initiatives for Women

Max.Marks: 100
Theory : 80
Int. Ass : 20
Time : 3 hours

Objective: This course aims at conscientising the students about the efforts made at the national and international levels for women's empowerment and development through legal provisions as well as through international conferences and conventions.

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Essential Readings

Aggarwal, Nomita, **Women and Law in India**, New Century Publication, Delhi, 2002.

Basu, D.D., **Introduction to The Constitution of India**, Wadhwa & Co. Agra, 2001.

Chawla, Monica, **Gender Justice: Women and Law in India**, Deep & Deep, New Delhi, 2006.

Shams, Shamusuddin, **Women, Law and Social Change**, Ashish Publishing House, New Delhi, 1991.

Swapna Mukhopadhyay, **In the Name of Justice: Women and Law in Society**, Manohar, New Delhi, 1998.

T, Brettel, Dawson, (ed

