

**PANJAB UNIVERSITY, CHANDIGARH**  
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**GUIDELINES FOR CONTINUOUS INTERNAL ASSESSMENT (20%) FOR REGULAR STUDENTS OF POSTGRADUATE COURSES OF M.A. IN WOMEN'S STUDIES (SEMESTER SYSTEM)**

**PANJAB UNIVERSITY, CHANDIGARH**

**Outlines of tests, syllabi and courses of reading for M.A in Women's Studies (Semester System)  
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## Semester I

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### Compulsory Papers

	Marks
Paper I	80
Paper II	80
Paper III	80
Paper IV	80

### NOTE:

- In each of the Papers, the candidate will be assessed for 80 marks on the basis of a written examination and for 20 marks on the basis of internal assessment.
- Rules and Regulations shall be the same as the Rules and Regulations of the University for M.A Semester System.

## Paper I,

**Essential Readings:**

An Introduction to **Thinking About Women**

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**Gender**

**Contemporary Indian Urban Society- Ethnicity, Gender and Gove**

- 1. **The Gender of Oppression: Men, Masculinity and the Critique of Marxism,** B. ... 9
- 2. **Mapping Social Exclusion in India : Caste, Religion and Borderlands+** ...
- 3. **Writings in Women's Studies: A Reader+** ... 4
- 4. **Women's Studies in India: Contours of Change+** A +
- 5. **Religion in India+** ...
- 6. **Bharat Mein Mahila Sashaktikaran+** ...
- 7. **Rethinking Gender+** ...
- 8. **Language and Gender: Making the Difference,** ... 99
- 9. **Sociology of Gender: The Challenge of Feminist Sociological Knowledge+**
- 10. **Indian Women: The Power Trapped+** ... 99
- 11. **Gender Violence,** ...
- 12. **The Kaleidoscope of Gender+** ... An ...
- 13. **Women Studies in India: A Journey of 25 Years+**

**Paper II: Women's Movement in India**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Objective:**

The objective of this paper is to assess the candidate's knowledge and understanding of the women's movement in India. The candidate is expected to demonstrate a comprehensive grasp of the historical, social, and political context of the movement, as well as the role of women in the struggle for independence and social reform. The candidate should also be able to analyze the impact of the movement on Indian society and the role of women in the post-independence era.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAPER SETTERS AND THE CANDIDATES**

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1. Introduction to Women's Studies

- Introduction to Women's Studies
- Women's Studies and Gender Studies
- Women's Studies and Social Movements
- Women's Studies and the State
- Women's Studies and the Media
- Women's Studies and the Future

### Essential Readings:

Banerjee, Arundhati. *The Role of Women in the Indian Struggle for Freedom*. Basingstoke, UK: Macmillan, 1991. **Indian Women: From Purdah to Modernity**. London: Routledge, 1999.

Chandrasekhar, V. *A Decade of Women's Movement in India*. Bangalore: Centre for Women's Studies, 1999.

Chandrasekhar, V. *The Issues at Stake: Theory and Practice in the Contemporary Women's Movement in India*. Bangalore: Centre for Women's Studies, 1999.

Chandrasekhar, V. *Violence, Law and Women's Rights in South Asia*. Bangalore: Centre for Women's Studies, 1999.

Chandrasekhar, V. *Writings in Women's Studies: A Reader*. Bangalore: Centre for Women's Studies, 1999.

Chandrasekhar, V. *Gender and Social Movements*. Bangalore: Centre for Women's Studies, 1999.

Chandrasekhar, V. *Peasant Women Or Rati Mazu* (d)-4(-)-50zu1-7(i22(r)(r)4(aw10(-)-10(r)389TJ/R8 12 Tf

**Further Readings:**

A. + n + **Women, Gender Equality and the State** + n +

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+ + **Reader on Women Trafficking** + n +

+ + **Contentious Marriages: Eloping Couples: Gender, Caste and Patriarchy in Northern India** + +

+ + n + n + **Women and Society in India** + A, n +

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+ + **A Short History of Women's Movement in India**

**Paper III: Feminist Theory**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Objective**

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**+Ain't I a Woman: Black Women and Feminism+**

**+Feminist Social Thought: An Introduction to Six Key Thinkers+**

**+Feminism and its Relevance in South Asia+**

**+Feminism and Gender Equality+**

**+Issues in Feminism+**

**+Theorizing Feminism+**

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**Semester Two**

**All the four papers are Compulsory**

**Paper I**

**Paper II**

**Paper III**

**Paper IV**

**Optional Paper**

**NOTE:**

- **In each of the Papers, the candidate will be assessed for 80 marks on the basis of a written examination and for 20 marks on the basis of internal assessment**

**Paper I: Feminism: An Indian Perspective**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Objective**

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- + **Dalits and the Democratic Revolution** + 99
- + **Feminism and the Women's Movement in India** + B + 9
- + **Feminism, Tradition and Modernity** + A + H
- + **Women in the Dharmasastras** + H 9
- + **Dalit Women: Issues and Perspectives** + An + H 4
- + **Re-searching Indian Women** + n + H
- + **Women and Social Reform in Modern India: A Reader**, + n n B + n + H 99
- + **Jawaharlal Nehru and the Status of Women in India: An Analytical Study** + n + H
- + **Women in Gandhi's Mass Movements** + n + H
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**Unit I Feminist Research Methodology,**

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**Unit II Qualitative Research Methodology:**

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**Unit III Emerging Research Methods:**

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**UNIT IV Qualitative Data Analysis and Report Writing:**

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**Essential Readings:**

... **Research Design: Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches** ...

B ... **Research Companion: A Practical Guide for the Social and Health Sciences** ...

B ... **Research Training for Social Scientists** ...

... **Qualitative Research Methods** ...

... **Research Methods** ...

... **Approaches to Social Research** ...

... **B** ...

**The Landscape of Qualitative Research: Theories and Issues**

**Qualitative Research Methods**

**The Mixed Methods Reader**

**A Tool Kit for Quantitative Data Analysis**

**Feminist Methods in Social Research**

**Research Methodology in Social Sciences**

**Shodh Pravidhi**

**Paper III: United Nations and Women's Issues**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Objective**





**Supervisor**

**Note for Evaluation,**

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**OR**

**Paper IV: Option (ii): Women and Environment**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Objective,**

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Environment and the People: A

Women and the Environment:







**Semester III**                      **In this Semester, there are three Compulsory papers and one Optional paper.**

<b>Compulsory Papers</b>		<b>Marks</b>
<b>Paper I</b>	<b>Women and Law-I</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Paper II</b>	<b>- Women and Development</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Paper III</b>	<b>- Women and Human Rights</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Paper IV</b>	<b>- Optional Paper</b>	<b>100</b>

- Option (i)    Women and Management**
- Option (ii)   Women and Entrepreneurship**
- Option (iii)   Training in Practical Skills**
- Option (iv)   Women, Science and Technology**

**NOTE:**

- **In each of the Papers, the candidate will be assessed for 80 marks on the basis of a written examination and for 20 marks on the basis of internal assessment.**

**Paper I: Women and Law – I**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Objective**

The objective of this paper is to assess the candidate's knowledge and understanding of the legal rights and status of women in India. The candidate is expected to demonstrate a comprehensive grasp of the constitutional provisions, statutory enactments, and judicial pronouncements pertaining to women's rights. The paper aims to evaluate the candidate's ability to analyze and apply the law to various scenarios involving gender equality and women's empowerment.

**Unit III Divorce Laws,**

**Unit IV Women and Property Rights including Right to Succession and Inheritance,**

**Essential Readings:**

A + Women and Law in India +

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**The paper setter must put note (ii) in the question paper.**

B **Women's Role in Economic Development** + A 9

**Blue Print of Action Points and National Plan of Action for Women, 1976** +

**National Policy of Education,** + 9

**Shramshakti:** + 9

**Five Year Plans (1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>)** +

**Women Development in India** + An + 4

**Handbook of Policy and Related Documents on Women in India,** + 9

**Ant** + **Facets of Women's Development** + +

**National Perspective Plan for Women** + 9 +

**Report on Gender and Poverty** + B n 99

**Self Help Groups and Women's Empowerment** + An +

**South Asia Human Development Reports 2000 and 2004** +

**UNDP Human Development Reports** + 994 + 4

**Further Readings:**

**Rural Employment and Economic Development,** + + 9

*Changing Status of Women: Policies and Programmes* + n A +

**Women and Society** + n + 9

**Assessing Women's Economic Contribution to Development** + + n + 9

**+Half the World, Half a Chance: An Introduction to Gender and Development.**  
**Why Development is a Gender Issue**



**Paper III: Women and Human Rights**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Objective**

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**Human Rights:**

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**Promotion of Women's Human Rights:**

**International:**

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## Emerging Issues in Women's Human Rights - I

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## Emerging Issues in Women's Human Rights - II

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### Essential Readings:

B + +Constitution of India+ n + +

B + +Introduction to the Constitution of India+ n A +

+ +Human Rights of Women: National and International Perspectives, n + 99

n + + Dalit Women: Issues and Perspectives n + +

n + +The No-Nonsense Guide to Women's Rights+ + 4

+ +An +Women's Rights, Human Rights+ + 994

The United Nations and the Advancement of Women+ 9 4 9 + n + + 99

### Further Readings:

n + +Violence, Law and Women's Rights in South Asia+ +

+ +International Law and Human Rights+ n +A + 9

+ +Conflict and Human Rights: Role of Women's Organisations in North East India (Manipur and Nagaland)+A n + +

n + +, Human Rights in India: Protection and Violation, + +

n + +Women's Livelihood Rights: Recasting Citizenship for Development, +



## Unit II

### Women as Managers:

Women as Managers: A study of women in management roles, focusing on their experiences, challenges, and contributions to the workplace. The research highlights the importance of gender diversity in leadership and the need for organizational support to foster an inclusive environment for women.

**Option (ii): Women and Entrepreneurship**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Objective:**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAPER SETTERS AND THE CANDIDATES**

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**Unit I: Entrepreneurship:**

**Unit II: Women Entrepreneurs:**

**Unit III: Government Policies and Programmes for Women Entrepreneurs,**



Objectives:

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAPER SETTERS AND THE CANDIDATES

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Unit I: Women and Science

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Unit II: Women's Contribution to science:

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## Unit IV: Women and Information Technology

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### Essential Readings:

- [Illegible]* + Gender and Computers; Understanding the Digital Divide, *[Illegible]*
- [Illegible]* + Women, Gender and Technology, *[Illegible]*
- [Illegible]* + The Gender-Technology Relation: Contemporary Theory and Research
- [Illegible]* + The Science Question in Feminism+ *[Illegible]* 9
- [Illegible]* + Women of Science: Righting the Record+ *[Illegible]* 99
- [Illegible]* + The Gender and Science Reader+ *[Illegible]*
- [Illegible]* + Information and Communication Technologies for Women's Socio-Economic Empowerment+ *[Illegible]* 9
- [Illegible]* + Gender and the Digital Economy: Perspective from the Developing World+ *[Illegible]* 4
- [Illegible]* + Women, Science and Myth, AB *[Illegible]*
- [Illegible]* + Gender Perspectives in Computing: An Anthology+ *[Illegible]*
- [Illegible]* + Has Feminism Changed Science? *[Illegible]* 999
- [Illegible]* + Who Succeeds in Science? The Gender Dimension+ *[Illegible]* 994
- [Illegible]* + Feminist Approaches to Science, Medicine and Technology in Gill, Kirkup et al, (eds.) The Gendered Cyborg: A Reader+ *[Illegible]*

**Semester IV**      **In this Semester there are two Compulsory and two Optional papers.**

**Compulsory Papers**

		<b>Marks</b>
<b>Paper I</b>	<b>Women and Politics</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Paper II</b>	<b>Women and Law- II</b>	<b>100</b>

**Optional Papers (Papers III & IV)**      **100 each**

- (i) **Women and Work**
- (ii) **Women and Health**
- (iii) **Women and Media**

**OR**

**Dissertation in lieu of two papers      200 marks**

**NOTE:**

- **In each of the Papers, the candidate will be assessed for 80 marks on the basis of a written examination and for 20 marks on the basis of internal assessment.**





**Essential Readings:**

A + **Crossing the Sacred Line, Women's Search for Political Power,** + 99

A n + **Elite Women in Indian Politics** + 99

n + A + **Towards a Feminist Theory of the State** + 99

+ **Women in the Indian Parliament** + 99

+ **Redefining Politics: Patterns of Women's Political Engagement from a Global Perspective**, **Women and Politics Worldwide** + 99

+ **Indian Women and the Freedom Movement: A Historian's Perspective,** + **Gender and Politics: Book 2,** + 99

+ **Empowering Women through Panchayats- Stories of Success and Struggle from India, Man and Development,** XX + 99

+ **Political Women** + 99

+ **Symbols of Power: Studies on the Political Status of Women in India,** A + 99

**Towards Equality,** + 99

**Further Readings:**

A + **Women in Politics,** n + **Indian Women** + 94



**The paper setter must put note (ii) in the question paper.**

B. **Dowry and Inheritance: Issues in Contemporary Indian Feminism.**

**Subversive Sites: Feminist Engagements with Law in India**

**Feminist Terrains in Legal Domain: Interdisciplinary Essays on Women and Law in India**

**Honour: Crimes, Paradigms and Violence against Women**

**Relevant Bare Acts**

**Further Readings:**

**n, The Court and Equality**

**, Women in Changing Society**

**+Sexual Harassment at Workplace**

**+Dissolution of Hindu Marriage in Transition: A Quest for Better Future**

## Optional Papers

### Option (i): Women and Work

Time: 3 Hours

**Objective:** The objective of this paper is to assess the candidate's knowledge and understanding of the syllabus. The candidate is required to attempt any 5 questions out of 9 questions. The first question is compulsory and shall be of Short Answer type. The remaining 8 questions are of Long Answer type. The candidate is required to attempt any 4 questions out of 8 questions. The candidate is required to attempt one question from each Unit- 4 in all.

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**Essential Readings:**

B n \_ + , \_ / + **Women Workers in the Unorganised Sector**+ n B + \_ + 9 4

... + , n + **Women, Work and Employment: Struggle for a Policy**+ + 9

... + , Handbook of Gender and Work, + 99

**Report on Gender and Poverty in India**+ B n + , n , n + 994

... + , + **Gender, Work and Poverty**+ + +

n + B , + **Empowerment of Women Workers: The Unorganised Sector**, n n +

**Further Readings:**

... + n + **Sexual Harassment: Threat to Working Women**, n +

+ n n + **Rural Employment and Economic Development**, + + 9

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- +Women's Health Movements: A Global Force for Change,
- +Women and Occupational Health Risks
- +Women in Health and Development in South East Asia
- +Engendering the Millennium Development Goals on Women's Health,

**Further Readings:**

- +Denial of Maternity Benefits to Women Workers,
- +Reproductive Health in India
- +Women, Health, Development and Administration
- . Women and Population Dynamics
- +Health Situation of Youth in India
- +Health Systems for Women's Development
- +Reproductive Rights and Women Empowerment
- +Gender Equality, Work and Health: A Review of the Evidence
- , Gender, Health and Poverty,
- +Regional Strategy on Human Resources for Health, 2006-2015

**Option (iii): Women and Media**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Objective:**

The candidate should be able to:

- analyze the role of media in women's health and development;
- evaluate the impact of mass media on women's health and development;
- assess the role of media in women's empowerment and gender equality;
- analyze the role of media in women's reproductive health and family planning;
- analyze the role of media in women's labor rights and occupational health and safety.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAPER SETTERS AND THE CANDIDATES**

The paper is divided into two parts, A and B. Part A contains four questions and Part B contains two questions. The candidate is to attempt all questions. The marks for each question are indicated in the margin. The candidate is to write the answers in their own words and to avoid plagiarism. The candidate is to write the answers in a clear and concise manner. The candidate is to write the answers in a neat and legible hand. The candidate is to write the answers in a separate sheet of paper. The candidate is to write the answers in a separate sheet of paper. The candidate is to write the answers in a separate sheet of paper.



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**Further Readings**

- B ... 1999, **Mirror Image: The Media and the Women's Question**.
- ... 1994, **'Where the girls are: Growing up female with the mass media'**
- ... + A ... 1999, **Whose News? The Media and Women's Issues**
- ... + ... 1999,

