

CERTIFICATE COURSE IN WOMEN'S STUDIES

PANJAB UNIVERSITY, CHANDIGARH

**OUTLINE OF TESTS, SYLLABI AND COURSES OF READING FOR
CERTIFICATE COURSE IN WOMEN'S STUDIES 2023-24, 2024-25**

(SYLLABUS PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT CUM CENTRE FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES AND DEVELOPMENT, BUT THE COURSE IS BEING RUN BY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF OPEN LEARNING, PANJAB UNIVERSITY)

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 resontosonea

Unit III: Feminism

- Definition
- Strands of Feminism-
 - Liberal,
 - Marxist
 - Radical,
 - 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 in Higher Education
- 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: LaE(m)13(p)-4(ow)-8(T R912 qT R912 qT R**

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.

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. 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: Women and Law in India: An introduction to laws relating to:

- Dowry, Rape and Domestic Violence
- Sexual Harassment at Workplace

Unit II: Women and Human Rights:

- Fundamental Rights and Duties with Special reference to Women: de jure and de facto position
- Directive Principles of State Policy and women's rights with special reference to Articles 39, 42, 43 and 44
- Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)

Unit III: Government Policies and Programmes for Women:

- National Policy for Empowerment of Women, 2001
- National Commission for Women
- 73rd and 74th Amendments to the Constitution of India and their Implementation (with reference to provisions relating to women)

Unit IV: United Nations and Women's Issues:

- UN Organs working on women's issues: Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), U.N. Women, Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)
- UN Conferences on Women:
 - Mexico (1975)
 - Copenhagen (1980)

Nairobi (1985)
Beijing. (1995)

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**