

UNIVERSITY OF HYDERABAD
CENTRE FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION : 06TH JUNE, 2012

M.PHIL. - GENDER STUDIES

Time 2 hours

Maximum Marks: 75

Hall Ticket No. _____

- 1. This question Paper consists of three parts. **Part A, Part B and Part C.** All parts are to be attempted.*
- 2. **Part A** should be answered in the question paper itself. Each question carries 1 mark. It should be noted that there is negative marking of 1/3 for every wrong answer in Part A. The negative mark is only for Part A.*
- 3. **Part B and C** should be answered in a separate answer book provided and if necessary using additional answer Books.*

PART - A**(Marks: 1x 25= 25)**

The questions that follow have four plausible answers of which ONE is correct. Indicate the answer by writing the alphabet (a, b, c, d) corresponding to the correct answer in the brackets provided at the end of each question.

Note: There is a negative marking of 1/3 for every wrong answer.

1. Who is the chairperson of the Children's Film Society of India?

- a) Shabana Azmi
- b) Mamata Bannerjee
- c) Anoushka Shankar
- d) Nandita Das

Answer ()

2. Who among the following is known for her involvement in environmental causes?

- a) Kiran Desai
- b) Kiran Bedi
- c) Arundhati Roy
- d) Romila Thapar

Answer ()

3. Who has gained fame as a young dalit poet and activist from Tamilnadu?

- a) Baby Kamble
- b) Meena Kandasamy
- c) Bama
- d) Kumud Pawde

Answer ()

4. Who was part of the group that prepared the landmark report titled *Towards Equality: Report of the Committee on the Status of Women in India*?

- a) Vina Mazumdar
- b) Betty Friedan
- c) Germaine Greer
- d) Flavia Agnes

Answer ()

5. Who is a founder of the Ms. Magazine?

- a) Audre Lorde
- b) Gloria Steinem
- c) Rosa Parks
- d) Oprah Winfry

Answer ()

6. Who received an Oscar for her role as Margaret Thatcher in *The Iron Lady*?

- a) Meryl Streep
- b) Mary Wollstonecraft
- c) Grace Kelly
- d) Kate Millett

Answer ()

7. One of the recipients of the Nobel Peace Prize in 2011 was:

- a) Irom Sharmila
- b) Tawakkol Karman
- c) Dalai Lama
- d) Mahasweta Devi

Answer ()

8. Which actress from the early years of Indian cinema earned fame for her daring stunts?

- a) Helen
- b) Nadia
- c) Devika Rani
- d) Savitri

Answer ()

9. Who has written *The Autobiography of a Sex Worker*?

- a) Githa Hariharan
- b) Saroj Pathak
- c) Amitabh Ghosh
- d) Nalini Jameela

Answer ()

10. Which Indian female athlete was stripped of her silver medal won at the Asian games of 2006 for failing a controversial gender test?

- a) Anju Bobby George
- b) Santhi Soundarajan
- c) Harwant Kaur
- d) Mithali Raj

Answer ()

11. Virginia Woolf's *A Room of One's Own* is about

- a) Women and property rights
- b) Marital relationships
- c) A space for women writers
- d) Liberated women

Answer ()

12. Who among the following was one of the first female doctors of India?

- a) Aruna Asaf Ali
- b) Vijaylaxmi Pandit
- c) Kadambini Ganguly
- d) Sarojini Naidu

Answer ()

13. Which writer embraced Islam and assumed the name Suraiyya?

- a) Anita Desai
- b) Kamala Das
- c) Shobha De
- d) Ambai

Answer ()

14. Second Wave Feminism focused on

- a) Voting rights for women
- b) Working hours
- c) Marriage laws
- d) Family, reproduction, sexuality

Answer ()

15. Commodification means

- a) The barter system
- b) Trafficking
- c) Representing women as sex objects
- d) Consumerism

Answer ()

16. Womanism is a concept proposed by

- a) Alice Walker
- b) Hillary Clinton
- c) Third wave feminism
- d) Radical feminism

Answer ()

17. Which of the following focused on women's suffrage?

- a) First wave feminism
- b) Second wave feminism
- c) Third wave feminism
- d) Radical feminism

Answer ()

18. Who among the following is a gay rights activist?

- a) Karan Johar
- b) Ashok Row Kavi
- c) Arundhati Roy
- d) P. Sainath

Answer ()

19. Which is the first state to grant 'third gender' status to transgenders?

- a) Assam
- b) West Bengal
- c) Kerala
- d) Tamilnadu

Answer ()

20. Which of the following was recently decriminalized by the High Court legalizing homosexuality?

- a) Section 144
- b) Section 377
- c) Section 498a
- d) Section 121

Answer ()

21. Who among the following drafted the Hindu Code Bil in 1949 proposing substantial rights to women?

- a) Babasaheb Ambedkar
- b) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
- c) Ram Jethmalani
- d) Muthulakshmi Reddy

Answer ()

22. Who was the first woman judge of the Supreme Court of India?

- a) Sujata V. Manohar
- b) Fathima Beevi
- c) Ruma Pal
- d) Leila Seth

Answer ()

23. Who wrote *The Second Sex*?

- a) Kate Millett
- b) Sojourner Truth
- c) Betty Friedan
- d) Simone de Beauvoir

Answer ()

24. Who among the following was associated with Anna Hazare's anti-corruption movement?

- a) Maneka Gandhi
- b) Sheila Dixit
- c) Kiran Bedi
- d) Vandana Shiva

Answer ()

25. The leader of the Bahujan Samaj Party, Mayawati currently holds the position of:

- a) Chief Minister
- b) Member of Rajya Sabha
- c) Governor
- d) None of the above

Answer ()

PART - B

Write short notes on any four of the following.

(4 x 5= 20)

1. Women's magazines
2. Women in conflict zones
3. Special Economic Zones (SEZ) and gender
4. Representation of women in television serials
5. Queer politics in India
6. Women in call centres
7. Trafficking of women
8. Superwoman syndrome

PART - C

Write an Essay on any two of the following:

(2 x 15= 30)

1. How do globalized ideas of fashion and the body impact women belonging to different castes, communities and regions? Discuss with reference to contemporary contexts.
2. The discipline of science is premised on objectivity, yet women within the field remain largely invisible. Provide a reasoned critique.
3. What are the social and cultural determinants of women in leadership positions in the corporate sector?
4. Write an essay on the role of women in a local movement in India against the state/globalization/environmental intrusion.
5. Write an essay on the idea of 'Bharat Mata' (Mother India) and how it has been used in dominant cultural discourses, textbooks and visual media.
