

Unique Paper Code 12035905

Name of the Course: BA/BCom/BSc Honours courses Generic Elective

Name of the paper: Contemporary India: Women and Empowerment

Semester I

Marks: 75

Time limit: 3+1 (one hour reserved for downloading of question paper, scanning and uploading of answer sheets)

Students will attempt **any THREE questions**.

All questions carry equal marks. Answers to be written in **500-800 words**.

1. What is patriarchy? How does it undermine and subordinate the feminine? Discuss with suitable examples.
2. Women's bodies and lives are controlled using a variety of methods including the expectation that all women will undergo motherhood, marriage, etc. Discuss at least two such structures of control over women.
3. Discuss with suitable examples from art/literature/cinema how partition narratives show women's lives were impacted by gender based and communal violence.
4. Write an essay on the progress of women's movements during India's freedom struggle.
5. Dalit women face double marginalisation and discrimination due to both their gender as well as their caste. Using examples from the texts in your course, examine the multiple oppressions Dalit women face.
6. Discuss the main features of The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Prevention Prohibition and Redressal Act 2013, and discuss if this act has been effective.