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Section A

Attempt the following. (10×3=30 marks).

1. (a) A sex and gender work as interconnected forms of oppression. Examine with suitable examples.

Or

- (b) How does sex-selective elimination of female children impact society ?

2. (a) How has Dalit feminism brought the discourse of caste into the discourse of gender ?

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Or

- (b) Patriarchy becomes a means of oppressing not only women but also other kinds of minorities, including sexual minorities. Discuss.
3. (a) Examine how the division of labour between men and women is presented in mainstream media. You may provide *two* examples from television or movies or advertising to illustrate your answer.

Or

- (b) Discuss the impact of women's political participation on their standing in Indian society.

Section B

Attempt any *three* of the following questions. (15×3=45 marks).

4. Examine three major issues related to women's rights as raised by reformers in nineteenth century India.
5. Women have been viewed as possessions to defend and control. Examine the statement in the context of women's narratives of the Partition.
6. Examine how women are affected by environmental degradation accelerated by the forces of globalisation.

7. Examine how "Sultana's Dream" rewrites and challenges gender stereotypes.
8. Personal laws are often discriminatory towards women. Assess any *two* systems of Indian personal law in this light.
9. What is domestic violence? How does domestic violence show that the private sphere is as much as space of feminist work as the public sphere? Examine in context of the protections against domestic violence available in India.
10. Comment on the efficiency of the provisions available under the Sexual Harassment at the Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition, Redressal) Act, 2013.