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**SIXTH SEMESTER B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, MARCH 2017**

(CUCBCSS—UG)

History

HIS 6B 14—GENDER STUDIES

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

**Section A (Objective Type Questions)**

*Answer all twelve questions.*

Choose the correct answer :

1. Who wrote the book *The Second Sex* :

- (a) Arundhati Roy. (b) Vandana Shiva.  
(c) Lucy Burns. (d) Simone De Beauvoir.

2. The National Commission for Women was established in :

- (a) 2010. (b) 1992.  
(c) 1980. (d) 2000.

3. Who took the initiative in proposing and pushing the Widow Remarriage Act of 1856 in India ?

- (a) Swami Vivekananda. (b) Sri Narayana Guru.  
(c) Raja Ram Mohan Roy. (d) Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar.

4. ——— is a social practice according to which a boy from upper caste can marry a girl from lower caste.

- (a) Anuloma marriage. (b) Prathiloma Marriage.  
(c) Gandharva Marriage. (d) Asura Marriage.

(4 × ½ = 2 marks)

Fill in the blanks :

5. The custom of marrying only within the limits of a local community or tribe is called ———.

6. *Can the Subaltern Speak* ? is a famous work written by ———.

7. The Practice of Sati was banned due to the efforts of a Bengali reformer called ———.

8. The practice of tracing descent through the mother's line is called ———.

(4 × ½ = 2 marks)

**Turn over**

Match the following :

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| 9. The High Caste Hindu Woman                                   | – Gerda Hedwig.           |
| 10. A Field of One's Own : Gender and Land Rights in South Asia | – Pratiksha Baxi.         |
| 11. The Creation of Patriarchy                                  | – Lerner Pandita Ramabai. |
| 12. Public Secrets of Law : Rape Trials in India                | – Bina Agarwal.           |
- (4 × ½ = 2 marks)

### Section B

*Answer any seven questions.*

13. Third Gender.
14. Widowhood.
15. Sex.
16. Patriarchy.
17. Rape culture.
18. Prostitution.
19. Parenting.
20. LGBT.
21. Cross-dressing.

(7 × 2 = 14 marks)

### Section C

*Answer any five short essays.*

22. Discuss the difference between Sex and Gender.
23. What are the mayor problems faced by girl children in India ?
24. Critically evaluate the book 'The Creation of Patriarchy'.
25. Discuss the role of Vandana Shiva as an ecofeminist.
26. What are the various forms of domestic violence ?
27. Explain the role of food as a medium of proliferation of caste.
28. Describe the impact of Bhakti movement for the upliftment of women's position in India.

(5 × 6 = 30 marks)

**Section D**

*Answer any two of the essay questions.*

29. 'Caste hierarchy and gender hierarchy are the organising principles of the brahmanical social order and are closely interconnected' says Uma Chakravarti. How do you evaluate this statement ?
30. What are the factors responsible for child marriages in India ? Suggest the strategies to control child marriages.
31. Describe some of the major gender issues in Indian society ?
32. Evaluate the main arguments in the famous book *Can the Subaltern Speak* ?

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)