

SIXTH SEMESTER B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, MARCH/APRIL 2018

(CUCBCSS—UG)

History

HIS 6B 14—GENDER STUDIES

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

Section A (Objective Type Questions)

*Answer all twelve questions.
Each question carries ½ marks*

Choose the correct answer :

1. _____ 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.
2. What is the meaning of Matriarchy ?
(a) Rule of father. (b) Rule of eldest male member.
(c) Rule of Mother. (d) Rule of youngest male member.
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. Gender is a _____.
(a) Social Construction. (b) Biological Construction.
(c) Natural Construction. (d) Fixed Construction.

(4 × ½ = 2 marks)

Fill in the blanks :

5. The custom of having more than one wife at the same time _____.
6. The practice of tracing descent through the mother's line is called _____.
7. The custom of marrying outside a community, clan, or tribe is called _____.
8. The Practice of Sati was banned due to the efforts of a Bengali reformer called _____.

(4 × ½ = 2 marks)

Turn over

Match the following :

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| 9. Widow Remarriage | — 2005. |
| 10. Act Female Infanticide Act | — 1829. |
| 11. Abolition of Sati | — 1856. |
| 12. Domestic Violence Act | — 1870. |

(4 × ½ = 2 marks)

Section B

*Answer any seven questions.
Each question carries 2 marks.*

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| 13. Cross-dressing. | 14. Gender identity. |
| 15. LGBT. | 16. Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar. |
| 17. Parenting. | 18. <i>Public Secrets of Law : Rape Trials in India.</i> |
| 19. Prostitution. | 20. Pandita Ramabai Sarasvati. |
| 21. Rape culture. | |

(7 × 2 = 14 marks)

Section C

*Answer any five short essays.
Each question carries 6 marks.*

22. Describe the impact of Bhakti movement for the upliftment of women's position in India.
23. Discuss the difference between Anuloma and Pratiloma marriages.
24. Explain the role of food as a medium of proliferation of caste.
25. Explain some examples of sex characteristics.
26. What are the various forms of domestic violence ?
27. Examine the role of caste in gender issues.
28. Discuss the role of Vandana Shiva as an ecofeminist.

(5 × 6 = 30 marks)

Section D

*Answer any two of the essay questions.
Each question carries 15 marks.*

29. Describe some of the major gender issues in Indian society ?
30. Explain the three fold oppression of Dalit women ?
31. What are the factors responsible for child marriages in India ? Suggest the strategies to control child marriages.
32. Critically evaluate the book *The Second Sex*.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)