

2018
ENGLISH
ENG: 0305 (B)
GENDER STUDIES
Full Marks:80
Time: 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

- 1. Answer the following questions: (Any four) 15 x 4= 60**
- (a) What is gender? Elucidate how gender is a social and cultural construct, rather than a biological category.
 - (b) Using Foucault's theory, write an essay on how gender roles become internalized. Mention how these assumed roles affect the power relations in society.
 - (c) Examine the feminist understanding of gender within the theoretical approach of Marxism. Mention its limitations.
 - (d) Do you agree that the category of 'woman' is stable? How does Butler deconstruct the notion of a pre-existing "female body"?
 - (e). How does Foucault posit sexuality as a constructed category with historical origins?
 - (f) Discuss the challenges of feminist politics in India.
- 2. Write short notes on: (Any two) 5x2=10**
- (a) Scientia Sexualis
 - (b) Reverse discourse
 - (c) Ecofeminism
 - (d) Masculinity
- 3. Giving relevant examples to substantiate your argument, give an assessment on the participation of women in the political arena at the local level. 10**