

**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/III**

**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. Patriarchy is all-pervasive. Do you agree? Discuss with the help of any two readings from those prescribed in this course.
2. Eco-feminism gives us ideas for a sustainable and more equitable society. Do you agree? Give a reasoned answer drawing on the texts in your course.
3. Sexual harassment is a consequence of the objectification of women in patriarchy. Discuss how Indian laws against sexual harassment seek to challenge this idea.
4. Partition narratives of women show us that women's bodies are targeted irrespective of community when communal violence breaks out. Discuss with examples from texts you have read or films you have seen.
5. Is equal access to the law a reality for women in India? Elaborate giving suitable examples on the gendered challenges Indian women continue to face when they access the law.
6. Gender and caste can come together to create a structure of joint oppression that is very hard to overcome. Do you agree? Give a reasoned answer drawing on texts from the course.



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