

## ENTRANCE EXAMINATION, 2014

M.Phil./Ph.D.

## WOMEN'S STUDIES

[ Field of Study Code : WSPP (176)

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 70

Answer **three** questions, selecting **one** from Section I (which carries **twenty** marks) and **two** from Section II (each carrying **twenty-five** marks)

## SECTION—I

1. "All theory comes from the West, so how can it have any relationship to the Global South?" Respond to this statement using examples. 20
2. Dalit Feminism has changed Indian Feminism and Women's Studies substantially. Track the history of this relationship over the past two decades. 20
3. How do you understand the distinction between sex and gender? Discuss with reference to feminist debates relating to the theme. 20
4. "Feminism is Politics." Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 20
5. What is the difference between 'reading' as political practice, and modes of critical thinking that emphasize women's 'voices'? Which do you think is more productive as a textual and political strategy? 20

## SECTION—II

6. Do you think policies of development are linked with gender relations? Give reasons for your answer. 25
7. How do you think the categories of 'caste' and 'class' interact with the category of gender? 25
8. The history of the relationship between Islam and gender has often been reduced to simply discussing the 'purdah' or the practice of veiling. However, recent historiography has identified alternative ways to think about this relationship. Discuss. 25

9. Does the representation of women in the media reveal the actuality of their social status or rights in society? Discuss. 25
10. Is there a difference between women's history and gender history? Discuss with reference to the historiographical debates on this theme. 25
11. Do you think sufferers of sexual violence should be called 'survivors', not 'victims'? Discuss. 25
12. What has been the fallout of the 2012 Delhi protests for feminist politics in India? What is the way forward? 25
13. The Supreme Court has upheld Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code. How do you respond to this judgement from a feminist and queer perspective? 25

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