

Important Information about the Entrance Examination for MA and PG Diploma (one year/ full time) in Gender, Culture and Development Studies

Suggested Reading List

Women's Studies is an interdisciplinary knowledge field, and with your interest in this area and desire to pursue this course, most of you may have read some of these introductory books/ primers in women's studies. These books are also available in the women's studies library for your easy reference for the entrance exam.

- Bhasin Kamla, Some Questions on Feminism and its Relevance in South Asia (also available in Marathi)
- Bhasin Kamla, What is Patriarchy (also available in Marathi)
- Bhasin Kamla, Understanding Gender (also available in Marathi)
- Bhasin Kamla, Exploring Masculinity (also available in Marathi)
- Geetha V., Gender
- Geetha V., Patriarchy (also available partly in Marathi)
- Chakravarti Uma, Gendering Caste (also available in Marathi)
- Menon Nivedita, Seeing like a Feminist

You may also look at the set of five undergraduate textbooks in women and development published by our KSP Women's Studies Centre. This set is available also in Marathi.

PATTERN OF QUESTION PAPER

Q.1. Write an essay on any two of the following (any 2 out of 4) (3- 4 sides). (20 marks for each) [40 marks]

Sample questions:

- 1) Map the emergence of women's studies and review its journey from concept to discipline in Indian context.
- 2) Take critical review of theoretical foundations of different feminist perspectives and write a detailed note on any one.
- 3) Feminist Interrogation of Development has enriched development and feminist studies.
- 4) Write about what is distinct in feminist method, methodology and epistemology?

Q.2. Write short notes on any three of the following. (3 out of 5) (10 marks for each) (approx. 1 ½ to 2 sides) [30 marks]

Sample questions:

- 1) Gendering social history
- 2) Significance of intersection between caste and gender.
- 3) Declining child sex ratio as a product of patriarchal construction of society.
- 4) Sexual Division of Labour as an important concept to understand structural roots of women's subordination

Q.3. Explain in brief any six (any 6 out of 10) (5 marks for each) (approx. ¾ to 1 page) [30 marks]

Sample questions:

- 1) Intersectionality
- 2) Sex and gender
- 3) Gender and Citizenship
- 4) Sexuality, caste and gender.