

Past Paper Analysis- Gender Studies

A. Introduction to Gender Studies

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- b. Difference between Gender and Women Studies
- c. Multi-disciplinary nature of Gender Studies
- d. Autonomy vs. Integration Debate in Gender Studies
- e. Status of Gender Studies in Pakistan

1. Write a note on status of women's studies in Pakistan and give your views on the autonomy/integration debate in Women's Studies. (2016)
2. Write a note on women's movement in Pakistan. What are its strengths and weaknesses? (2016)
3. Define and discuss the discipline of Gender studies and differentiate between women studies and gender studies. (2017)
4. Write a comprehensive note on autonomy versus integration debate in gender studies. (2017)
5. What are the fundamental differences between Gender Studies and Women's Studies? Substantiate your argument(s) with examples. Highlight the status of women studies in Pakistan (2018)
6. How do you differentiate the discipline of Gender Studies from that of Women Studies? Historically trace the need for the establishment of Gender Studies as a distinct discipline and its scope and significance with especial reference to Pakistan. (2019)
7. Short Notes:
 - a. APWA and WAF (2018)

B. Social Construction of Gender

- a. Historicizing Constructionism
- b. Problematizing the category of "Sex": Queer Theory
- c. Is "Sex" socially determined, too?
- d. Masculinities and Femininity
- e. Nature versus Culture: A Debate in Gender Development

1. What are the theories of social construction of gender? (2016)
2. Write a comprehensive essay on the 'sex versus gender debate' in feminist philosophy and social sciences, reflecting nature versus nurture argument. (2018)
3. Gender has multiple meanings. How do you deconstruct the word 'Gender'? (2020)

C. Feminist Theories and Practice

- a. What is Feminism
- b. Liberal Feminism
- c. Radical Feminism
- d. Marxist/Socialist Feminism
- e. Psychoanalytical Feminism
- f. Men's Feminism
- g. Postmodern Feminism

1. What is feminism? In what way Radical feminism is different from Socialist feminism? (2016)
2. What type(s) of feminism can elevate the social-cultural, economic, and political status of women in Pakistan? (2016)
3. Outline and explain the three major waves of feminist movements in the West. Discuss the influence of these waves on feminist movements in Pakistan. (2019)
4. Short Notes:

D. Feminist Movements

- a. Feminist Movements in the West. First Wave, Second Wave and Third Wave Feminism. United Nation Conferences on Women, Feminist Movements in Pakistan.

1. Short Notes:
 - a. Postmodern Feminism (2019)
 - b. Structural Functionalism (2019)
 - c. Suffragist movement (2019)

E. Gender and Development

- a. Colonial and Capitalistic Perspectives of Gender
- b. Gender Analysis of Development Theories; Modernization Theory, World System Theory, Dependency Theory, Structural Functionalism.
- c. Gender Approaches to Development: Women in Development (WID), Women and Development (WAD), Gender and Development (GAD); Gender Critique of Structural Adjustment Policies (SAPs).
- d. Globalization and Gender

1. "Powerful forces of globalization have highlighted various gender issues across culture and throughout the globe." Discuss by quoting examples from developing countries. (2017)
2. What are the reasons responsible for ranking Pakistan as the second-worst country in the world for gender inequality despite Pakistan commitment to many international conventions and strong commitment to gender equality in 1973 constitution? (2018)
3. In the last two decades, globalization has had a huge impact on the lives of women in developing nations, including Pakistan. What are the impacts of global political economy on Pakistani women? (2019)
4. Explain the relevance of Modernization Theory and Dependency Theory to gender equality. Critically analyze the subordination of women in modern societies in the light of these two theories (2019)
5. The process of globalization has connected nations worldwide and has made the world a global village, yet it has also increased inequalities across nations. Discuss the gendered inequalities created and promoted by the process of globalization in contemporary societies worldwide (2019)
6. Women's participation in labor force has increased recently yet women continue to perform their reproductive roles. Discuss the challenges encountered by women because of their paid employment worldwide with especial reference to Pakistan. (2019)
7. How the colonial era influenced the status of women in the subcontinent? (2020)

8. Short Notes:

- a. Women in Development (WID) (2016)
- b. Women and Development (WAD) (2016)
- c. Gender and Development (GAD) (2016) (2017)

F. Status of Women in Pakistan

- a. Status of Women's health in Pakistan
- b. Status of Women in Education
- c. Women and Employment
- d. Women and Law

1. What is the status of women's health in Pakistan? How it could be improved within the available economic resources? (2016)

G. Gender and Governance

- a. Defining Governance
- b. Suffragist Movement
- c. Gender Issues in Women as Voters
- d. Gender Issues in Women as Candidates
- e. Gender Issues in Women as Representatives
- f. Impact of Political Quota in Pakistan

1. What are the pros and cons of gender quota in politics? Give your views on the impact of gender quota in politics in Pakistan. (2016)
2. "Women active political participation could stabilize democracy and boost economic development". Comment on this statement within context of socio-economic realities of Pakistani society. (2017)
3. Believing in the statement that "women cover half the sky", do you think we need equal number of women in all spheres of public domain, especially in politics? (2018)
4. Women need to be in leadership positions to pull more women into leadership roles. Is this suggestion that women need to "pull each other up" a useful one or is that inappropriate preferential treatment. (2020)
5. "For realizing, in letter and spirit, the ideals of a democratic welfare state, it is necessary to institute a system which fully guarantees human rights, generates conducive environment for the pragmatic use and beneficial enjoyment of human rights and provides operative safeguards and expeditious remedy against any violation of human rights". Critically evaluate the statement with special reference to Pakistan. (2020)

H. Gender Based Violence

- a. Defining Gender Based Violence
- b. Theories of Violence against Women
- c. Structural and Direct Forms of Violence
- d. Strategies to Eliminate Violence against Women

1. What are the sites and forms of violence against women in Pakistan and how in your view this menace can be eliminated from our society? (2016)
2. What are the different forms of gender-based violence and, in your opinion, what could be the workable strategies to eliminate gender-based violence from Pakistani society? (2017)
3. Explain the structural and direct forms of violence against women in the Pakistani society by highlighting the case study of Mukhtaran Mai. (2019)
4. Comment on the power and control relationship in gender-based violence. (2020)
5. Short Notes:
 - a. Honor Killing (2017)
 - b. 'Gender Strategic Needs' and 'Gender Practical Needs' (2018)
 - c. Government Initiative for combating the menace of violence against women (2018)

I. Case Studies of:

- a. Mukhtaran Mai
- b. Malala Yousaf Zai
- c. Sharmeen Ubaid Chinoy

1. Discuss the background of the two Oscar winning documentaries by Sharmeen Obaid Chinoy. (2020)