

SIXTH SEMESTER B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, MARCH/APRIL 2018

(CUCBCSS—UG)

History

HIS 6B 14—GENDER STUDIES

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

Section A (Objective Type Questions)

*Answer all twelve questions.
Each question carries ½ marks*

Choose the correct answer :

1. _____ is a social practice according to which a boy from upper caste can marry a girl from lower caste.
 - (a) Anuloma marriage.
 - (b) Prathiloma Marriage.
 - (c) Gandharva Marriage.
 - (d) Asura Marriage.
2. What is the meaning of Matriarchy ?
 - (a) Rule of father.
 - (b) Rule of eldest male member.
 - (c) Rule of Mother.
 - (d) Rule of youngest male member.
3. Who took the initiative in proposing and pushing the Widow Remarriage Act of 1856 in India ?
 - (a) Swami Vivekananda.
 - (b) Sri Narayana Guru.
 - (c) Raja Ram Mohan Roy.
 - (d) Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar.
4. Gender is a _____.
 - (a) Social Construction.
 - (b) Biological Construction.
 - (c) Natural Construction.
 - (d) Fixed Construction.

(4 × ½ = 2 marks)

Fill in the blanks :

5. The custom of having more than one wife at the same time _____.
6. The practice of tracing descent through the mother's line is called _____.
7. The custom of marrying outside a community, clan, or tribe is called _____.
8. The Practice of Sati was banned due to the efforts of a Bengali reformer called _____.

(4 × ½ = 2 marks)

Turn over

Match the following :

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| 9. Widow Remarriage | — 2005. |
| 10. Act Female Infanticide Act | — 1829. |
| 11. Abolition of Sati | — 1856. |
| 12. Domestic Violence Act | — 1870. |

(4 × ½ = 2 marks)

Section B

Answer any **seven** questions.

Each question carries 2 marks.

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| 13. Cross-dressing. | 14. Gender identity. |
| 15. LGBT. | 16. Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar. |
| 17. Parenting. | 18. <i>Public Secrets of Law : Rape Trials in India.</i> |
| 19. Prostitution. | 20. Pandita Ramabai Sarasvati. |
| 21. Rape culture. | |

(7 × 2 = 14 marks)

Section C

Answer any **five** short essays.

Each question carries 6 marks.

22. Describe the impact of Bhakti movement for the upliftment of women's position in India.
23. Discuss the difference between Anuloma and Pratiloma marriages.
24. Explain the role of food as a medium of proliferation of caste.
25. Explain some examples of sex characteristics.
26. What are the various forms of domestic violence ?
27. Examine the role of caste in gender issues.
28. Discuss the role of Vandana Shiva as an ecofeminist.

(5 × 6 = 30 marks)

Section D

Answer any **two** of the essay questions.

Each question carries 15 marks.

29. Describe some of the major gender issues in Indian society ?
30. Explain the three fold oppression of Dalit women ?
31. What are the factors responsible for child marriages in India ? Suggest the strategies to control child marriages.
32. Critically evaluate the book *The Second Sex*.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)