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Name of the Paper : Generic Elective Hons : English

Name of the Course : Contemporary India, Women
and Empowerment

Semester : IV

Duration : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 75

Instructions for Candidates

1. Write your Roll No. on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper.
2. Part A and Part B are both compulsory.
3. Attempt any Three questions each from Parts A and B respectively.

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PART A

Attempt any 3 questions :

(3×10=30)

1. What is patriarchy? How is it enforced and reinforced through the process of socialization? Discuss with two examples from day-to-day life in contemporary India.
2. Why is the "bayen" deprived of social contact and other things needed for survival? Discuss in reference to Mahasweta Devi's text.
3. The mainstream national movement and Dalit women's campaigns had different ideas on what rights to organize for. Discuss with the help of the Pawar and Moon essay.
4. Ecofeminism helps us to think beyond patriarchal ways of knowing. Comment critical with reference to the prescribed essay by Vandana Shiva.

5. Discuss how the feminist movement in India organized against rape as a form of patriarchal violence.

PART B

Attempt any 3 questions : (3×15=45)

6. Dalit women's writings indicate that issues of gender overlap with economics exploitation and caste oppression. Do you agree? Discuss with reference to any two such texts from your syllabus.
7. How does Urvashi Butalia use women's testimonies to put together a narrative of personal and national history that unfolded during the partition of India? Discuss with reference to *The Other Side of Silence*.
8. Vandana Shiva's essay on 'Science, Nature and Gender' argues that modern science as a patriarchal mode of knowing is necessarily violent to nature and women. Critically comment.

9. What are the strengths and weaknesses of the Protection of Women Domestic Violence Act (2005)?
10. "Sultana's Dream" provokes us into re-examining conventional gender roles that we treat as normal. Do you agree? Discuss with close reference to the short story.