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M.A. WOMEN'S STUDIES

Time : Two Hours

Maximum : 100 Marks

**Part A**

*Answer all the questions.*

*Each question carries 2 marks.*

1. Gender Studies is an interdisciplinary subject which deals with :
  - (a) Building Gender Perspectives in various disciplines.
  - (b) Deals with only women's issues.
  - (c) Constitutes the study of Transgender persons.
  - (d) Is an ancillary subject.
2. Gender is a :
  - (a) Physical characteristics of men and women.
  - (b) Social Construct.
  - (c) Biological Construct.
  - (d) Deals with male and female.
3. Gender Stereotyping is to be addressed :
  - (a) If the School Curriculum by the teachers is gendered.
  - (b) If unearthed the family stereotype practices.
  - (c) If engender language.
  - (d) Involving all stakeholders concerned to change the attitude and behaviour on gender biases.

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4. Gender Equity is defined as :
- (a) Providing equal opportunities for men and women.
  - (b) Fair distribution of resources based on gender-specific needs.
  - (c) Equal resource to all.
  - (d) Same treatment of all individuals.
5. Social Sciences curriculum can be inclusive :
- (a) When gender biases prevail subtly.
  - (b) Introduces changes in the gendered language.
  - (c) Thoroughly transforms the curriculum in the teaching and learning process.
  - (d) Classroom teaching to impart gendered curriculum.
6. The gender equality index as per the Gender Gap Report 2024 informs that India Stands at :
- (a) 142<sup>nd</sup> Rank.
  - (b) 113<sup>th</sup> Rank.
  - (c) 129<sup>th</sup> Rank.
  - (d) 102<sup>nd</sup> Rank.
7. Which of the following determines the gender-based cognitive abilities and skills :
- (a) Women empowerment affirmative actions.
  - (b) Gender Socialization.
  - (c) Social and Emotional behaviour.
  - (d) Gender Stereotyping.
8. Social learning theory :
- (a) Penalizes girls for not adhering to gender roles.
  - (b) Appreciates both boys and girls for following gendered norms and penalizes them for violating them.
  - (c) Appreciates boys and men for following gendered practices.
  - (d) Does not encourage boys to do girls' role.
9. LGBTQIA + discussion is a part of :
- (a) Political Science.
  - (b) Gender Studies.
  - (c) Women's Studies.
  - (d) Cultural Studies.

10. The curriculum design and content of the teaching-learning materials to be developed :
- (a) With Women's concerns.
  - (b) With male perspectives.
  - (c) With political perspective.
  - (d) With gender perspectives.
11. Women's Reservation Act in the parliament 2023 informs :
- (a) Recognition of women's role in private space.
  - (b) Recognition of women's role in work.
  - (c) Recognition of women's 'agency' in decision-making.
  - (d) Women's participation in politics.
12. Which among the following refers to the commodification of women in media ?
- (a) Socialization.
  - (b) Stereotyping.
  - (c) Objectification.
  - (d) Sexualization.
13. Recent years the Declining Sex Ratio is unfavorable to a female child may be attributed to :
- (a) Son preference.
  - (b) Technological advancement.
  - (c) Dowry.
  - (d) Lack of safety for girls.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ is the manifestation of the gender discrimination.
- (a) Gender-based violence.
  - (b) Participation of women in public life.
  - (c) Gender division of labor.
  - (d) Gender stereotyping.
15. \_\_\_\_\_ SDG deals with Gender equality and women's empowerment.
- (a) Goal 8.
  - (b) Goal 10.
  - (c) Goal 6.
  - (d) Goal 5.
16. India could increase to \_\_\_\_\_ percentage of GDP if Gender Equality is ensured in economic participation of women.
- (a) 25 percent.
  - (b) 27 percent.
  - (c) 30 percent.
  - (d) 20 percent.

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17. Since 2020, the women's work participation rate exhibits :
- (a) More urban women returning to work than rural.
  - (b) Both rural and urban women joined.
  - (c) More rural women join to work than urban.
  - (d) No change in work participation among women.
18. Noble Laurette who won the Nobel prize in Economics for women work participation is 2023 is :
- (a) Elinor Ostrom.
  - (b) Esther Duflo.
  - (c) Rosalyn Yalow.
  - (d) Claudia Goldin.
19. Gender pay gap is attributed to :
- (a) Women do not work as efficient as men.
  - (b) Women likely to have break for child birth.
  - (c) Women do not engage in work which men do.
  - (d) Lack of technological training.
20. Unpaid care work done by women in India accounts for :
- (a) 70 percent.
  - (b) 50 percent.
  - (c) 91 percent.
  - (d) 60 percent.
21. What has been De-Criminalised with reference to Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code ?
- (a) Consensual relationship between Homosexual Adults.
  - (b) Constructive relationship between Homosexual Adults.
  - (c) Consensual relationship between Gays.
  - (d) Consensual relationship between Lesbians.
22. What is CEDAW signed by India in 1980 ?
- (a) Convention on Education and All forms of Development for Women.
  - (b) Convention on Elimination of All forms of Debts acquired by Women.
  - (c) Convention of Eradication of All forms of Discrimination against Women.
  - (d) Convention on Elimination of All forms of Discrimination against Women.

23. The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 allows the women in unorganised sectors like small shops and establishments having less than 10 workers, to file complaints of sexual harassment to a :
- Local Complaints Committee (LCC).
  - Internal Complaints Committee (ICC).
  - National Commission for Woman.
  - Social Welfare Officer.
24. Civil Rights Activist Irom Chanu Sharmila is associated with the demand to :
- Repeal of AFSPA.
  - Repeal of the Disturbed Areas Act.
  - Repeal of the Jammu and Kashmir Special Powers Act.
  - Repeal of None of the above.
25. Child Care Leave (CCL) as per Central Government Provisions can be of \_\_\_\_\_ days to women employees for taking care of up to two children whether for rearing or looking after any of their needs like examination, sickness etc.
- 365 days.
  - 180 days.
  - 730 days.
  - 90 days.

(25 × 2 = 50 marks)

### Part B

*Answer any five questions.*

*Each question carries 10 marks.*

- Kerala stands ahead of other states in Social indicators of women but still the crimes against women are on the increase- Discuss.
- Write a note on Kudumbasree Model of grass root movement and its contributions to women empowerment.
- Explain the strategies to be followed to reduce gender inequalities in the society.
- The intersectionality of gender with class, caste, religion, ethnicity etc influence the women's oppression differently to different group of women - Discuss.

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5. Describe the transgender inclusive policies in Kerala.
6. Bring out the contemporary women's movement and the challenges faced.
7. Illustrate the initiatives towards achieving SDGs by 2030 by in Kerala State.

(5 × 10 = 50 marks)