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ENGLISH — HONOURS

Paper : DSE-B-2

(India : Women and Empowerment)

Full Marks : 65

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words
as far as practicable.*

Group - A

1. Answer **any five** questions :

1×5

- (a) Which decade was declared as the United Nations Decade for Women?
- (b) What was the name of the vigilant group started by Sampat Pal Devi?
- (c) Give one reason for the low literacy rate of rural women in India.
- (d) When was the Married Women Property Rights Act enacted and why?
- (e) Which Act in India punishes the indecent representation of women in any form?
- (f) What happened to a Dalit girl in Hathras in September 2020?

Group - B

(Society, Sex and Gender)

2. Answer **any one** question :

20×1

- (a) How does V. Geetha show that gender identities mesh with those constituted by caste, class, religion and sexual preferences. Discuss with reference to *Gender*.
- (b) In *Sexual Politics*, how does Kate Millett analyse the role that patriarchy plays in sexual relations? Answer with reference to some of the authors she has discussed.
- (c) Why do Sandra Gilbert and Susan Gubar stress the importance of killing off the figures of the “angel” or the “monster” in depicting women? Elaborate, with reference to *The Madwoman in the Attic*.

Group - C

(History of Women’s Movement in India)

3. Answer **any one** question :

15×1

- (a) Discuss the role of women like Annie Besant and Sarojini Naidu as important leaders of the freedom movement.

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- (b) In the pre-independence period, some women tried to protest against patriarchy and gender injustices by joining the Bhakti movement. Elaborate.
- (c) How did SEWA (Self-Employed Women's Association) aim to improve the working conditions of women in the post-independence period?

Group - D
(Women and Law)

4. Answer *any one* question : 15×1

- (a) What are the major features of the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005? What constitutes domestic violence, on the basis of this Act?
- (b) What are some of the main reasons which contribute to the crime of female foeticide in India? Briefly discuss some of the laws made by the government to eradicate this crime.
- (c) What are the 'Vishakha Guidelines' as stipulated by the Supreme Court of India in *Vishakha vs. State of Rajasthan* case in 1997?

Group - E
(Dalit Women)

5. Answer *any one* question : 10×1

- (a) Dalit women continue to face violence while trying to access basic resources. Discuss some of the major forms of violence against Dalit women.
 - (b) Why was the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, enacted? Discuss the objectives of the Act briefly.
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