

**46. Women Studies**

**B.A. Women's Studies-I**

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**Appendix 'B'**

**(Syllabi and Courses of Reading)**

**1. Introduction to Women's Studies (20)**

1.1 Meaning of Women's Studies and Gender Studies

1.2 Gender Studies as an emerging discipline

1.3 Gender Terminology

Gender

Sex

Gender Equity

Gender Equality

Gender Sensitization

Gender Roles

Gender Discrimination

Gender Analysis

Matriarchy

Patriarchy

**Feminism**

1.4 Meaning/Definition of Feminism

1.5 Emergences of Feminism

1.6 Theories of Feminism

**2. Comparison of Gender Roles in Different Eras (20)**

2.1 Hunters and Gatherers Age

2.2 Agricultural Age

2.3 Industrial Age

**Biological gender differences**

2.4 Biological sex differences

2.5 Life cycle of a woman

2.6 Impact of women's' health on family

**3. Women and Basic Human Rights (20)**

3.1 International Conventions/Declarations on Women's Rights

- Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)

- Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- Convention Against Discrimination in Education
- Convention on the Political Rights of Women
- Equal Remuneration Convention
- Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women
- Beijing Declaration

#### **4. Gender Role Socialization (20)**

##### 4.1 Socialization Theories / perspectives

- Functionalism
- Symbolic interactionism
- Role learning and role playing theory
- Post modernism
- Cooley and the looking glass self
- Mead and the "Genderlized other"
- Freud and the anti social self
- Erikson and the eight stages of life

##### **Gender Stereotypes**

##### 4.2 Gender Roles

##### 4.3 Gender Differences in Personality Development

##### 4.4 Gender Stereotyping and Social Cognition

##### 4.5 Representation of Women in Media, Literature and Textbooks

##### 4.6 Effects of stereotypes on behaviour

##### **Gender and Cognition**

##### 4.7 Cognitive sex difference

##### 4.8 Sex differences in abilities

##### 4.9 Causes of cognitive sex differences

#### **5. Women and Islam (20)**

##### 5.1 Status of women in pre-Islamic period

##### 5.2 Status of women in Islam

- Women as an individual

- Women in its different familial roles
- Marital rights of women
  - ❖ Marriage
  - ❖ Dower
  - ❖ Talaq-Khula
  - ❖ Polygmy
  - ❖ Inheritance Rights
  - ❖ Other Rights

### 5.3 Comparison of status of women in other religions

- Christianity
- Hinduism
- Judaism