1. **Introduction to Women’s Studies**
   - 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**
   - 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**
   - 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**

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**

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