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**B.A. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, SEPTEMBER 2024**

**Sixth Semester**

B.A. Philosophy

Core Course—PHILOSOPHY OF GENDER

(Prior to 2013 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Weight : 25

**Part A (Multiple Choice)**

*Answer all questions.*

*Each bunch of **four** questions carries a weight of 1.*

**BUNCH I**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is a social construct rather than a biological fact.
  - a) Sex.
  - b) Gender.
  - c) Both a) and b).
  - d) Neither a) nor b).
2. The right of suffrage was the core concern of \_\_\_\_\_ wave feminism.
  - a) First.
  - b) Second.
  - c) Third.
  - d) All these.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ wave of feminism took place in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.
  - a) First.
  - b) Second.
  - c) Third.
  - d) All these.
4. The idea of a separation between the sexes hampers women's quest for \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) Motherhood.
  - b) Gender.
  - c) Superiority.
  - d) Equality.

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**Part B (Short Answer Questions)**

*Answer any five questions.*

*Each question carries a weight of 1.*

Write short notes on the following :

17. Gender equality.
18. The ethics of care.
19. The dominance view.
20. Socialist feminism.
21. Engel's on the abolition of private ownership and the status of women.
22. White feminism.
23. The catalogue of *Purusharthas*.
24. The essential nature of *Prakrti* and *Purusha*.

(5 × 1 = 5)

**Part C (Short Essay Questions)**

*Answer any four questions.*

*Each question carries a weight of 2.*

25. "Gilligan faulted Kohlberg's model of moral development for being gender biased." Explain.
26. Bring out the feminist interpretation of the Freudian notion of 'men's unconscious two-sided need for women's emotionality and rejection of them as potential castrators'.
27. What are the limitations of Eurocentric feminism according to the proponents of Third World feminism?
28. Analyze the postmodern position that sexuality and gender are shifting, fluid, multiple categories.
29. Analyze the feminist potential of *Sakti* principle.
30. "Where women are provided place of honor, gods are pleased and reside there in that household." Do you think that this statement justifies the gender attitude of Manusmriti?

(4 × 2 = 8)





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**Part D (Essay Questions)**

*Answer any **two** questions.*

*Each question carries a weight of 4.*

31. Discuss the question - "Is feminism universal?"
32. Describe the sameness view and difference view held by feminists with reference to the respective streams of feminism that hold them.
33. Write notes on any *two* of the following :
  - a) First wave feminism ;
  - b) Dual parenting ; and
  - c) The theory of gender performativity.

(2 × 4 = 8)

