PG Even Semester Exam, May 2025

Economics

4th Semester

COURSE NO. ECO-406

[Economics of Gender & Development]

Full Marks : 70
Pass Marks : 28

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

Answer five questions, taking one from each Unit

UNIT-I

1. a. Explain briefly the concept of Development and how it connected to Gender Studies. 4

   b. What are the stages of Feminism? State the basis of subjugation of women across various schools of thought. 2+4=6

   c. Define Patriarchy and briefly explain its impacts in the Indian context. 4

2. a. Elaborate the Economic Basis and functioning of Patriarchy. 7

   b. How does Patriarchy lead to differential treatment of women across Developed and less Developed Countries? 4

c. Does the Marxist theories of 'Class Dominance justify dominance over women in society'? Explain. 3

UNIT-II

3. What are the various measures of Sex ratio? What is the status of India as recorded through the sex-ratio data in census. Analyse the trend and state-level patterns identifies. 6+8=14

4. a. Explain the 'Missing Women' phenomenon. How does this impact the role and status of women? Explain with the help of relevant data. 2+6=8

   b. "Mortality rates have been decreasing across India." Trace the relevance of the statement through appropriate data and explain the probable causes of the same. 6

UNIT-III

5. What do you mean by Economic Status of Women? Has Economic Growth impacted the Economic Status of women? Explain the experiences of developed and less developed countries. 4+6+4=14

6. a. What is the role of sustainable Development Goals in respect of inclusive Economic Growth in India? 8

   b. Analyse the role and impact of self-help groups in generating more inclusive growth and development across the rural women. 6

UNIT-IV

7. a. Explain with the help of appropriate data , why the labour force participation of women is higher in Informal sector relative to formal sector in India? 8

   b. How does this reflect upon and impact the economic valuation of work done by women in India? Explain. 6

8. "The problem of underestimation of women's work in labour force statistics and national income accounts has been pointed out repeatedly since the 1970s".

   a. Explain the significance of the statement of this problem. 4

   b. Differentiate between paid and unpaid work. Explain why are women more engaged in unpaid work and how that has affected the socio-economic status of women in India. 8

   c. Does it generate a disincentive for women's socio-economic development? Explain. 2

UNIT-V

9. Critically analyse the impact of Economic Growth on Gender (In)Equalities based on your analyses. Explain with the help of data, the resulting gender-based wage-differentials and difference in allocation of work across gender in less developed countries. 6+8=14

10. What is feminization of Poverty? Assess the problem in the Indian context and explain. Why has economic growth failed to improve the situation? 8

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