PG Even Semester Exam, May 2025

Economics

2nd Semester

COURSE NO. ECO-555

[Economics of Gender and 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. Explain briefly the concept of development as proposed in Sens Capability Approach. How has it becomes a basis for modern Gender Studies. Define Patriarchy and elaborate the Patriarchy index in details. What are the major impacts of Patriarchy dominance on India's economic and demographic status. 4+7+3=14

2. Elaborate the Economic basis and functioning of Patriarchy. 6

   Explain in the light of the Marxist theories of 'Class Dominance'. How Patriarchy leads to dominance over women in society. 4

   Do you think capitalism has aggravated the class-dominance and gender-gap between males and females in LDCs? Elaborate with the help imperial evidence. 4

UNIT-II

3. a. What are the various measures of sex-ratio and its significance in context of Indian demography? 6

   b. Elaborate on the various spatiotemporal patterns of sex ration across Indian demography and its significance. 8

4. Explain the 'Missing Women' phenomenon. How does this impact the role and status of women in Indian labour markets? Explain with the help of data. 8

   Mortality rates and the gender-gap in mortality rates have been decreasing in India- explain the probable causes and factors that have impacted the same. 6

UNIT-III

5. How does economic transition influence the economic status of women in society. Elaborate on the basis of empirical data. 10+4=14

6. a. What is the role of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG)- 5 in promoting Gender Inclusive growth? 6

   b. In context of India, elaborate the policy approaches undertaken to reduce marginalization of women and generate a gender inclusive growth for the economy. 8

UNIT-IV

7. Why is the labour force participation of women higher in the informal sector as compared to the formal sector in India? Elaborate. 14

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

   Explain and analyse critically this "Problem" and elaborate the probable solutions to it with the help of appropriate data. 14

UNIT-V

9. Critically analyse the impact of Economic Growth on Gender (In) Equalities. 8

   Based on this analysis, explain with the help of data, the resulting gender-based wage differentials and differentials in allocation of work across gender among development and less-developed economics. 6

10. What is Feminization of Poverty? 6

    Assess the problem of Feminization of Poverty in the Indian context and explain why economic growth has not improved the situation? 8

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