

P.G. ENTRANCE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2022

WOMEN'S STUDIES

Time : Two Hours

Maximum : 100 Marks

Part A

*Answer all questions.
Each question carries 2 marks.*

1. The protection of women from domestic violence act enacted in :
A) 1995. B) 1978.
C) 2005. D) 2000.
2. Aruvippuram consecration by Sreenarayana guru took place in :
A) 1914. B) 1888.
C) 1956. D) 1947.
3. The play titled 'Adukkalayil ninnu arangatheykku (from kitchen to the stage) is written by :
A) Lalithambika Antharjanam. B) V.T Bhattathirippadu.
C) Premji. D) EMS.
4. Transgender policy of Kerala enacted in :
A) 1990. B) 2007.
C) 2015. D) 2001.
5. The first female actor of Malayalam cinema :
A) P.K Rosy. B) Lalitha.
C) Jikki. D) Sarojam.
6. Feminisation of poverty refers to :
A) A condition where household income is a certain percentage below median income.
B) A trend of increasing inequality in living standards between men and women due to the widening gender gap in poverty.
C) To developing philosophical accounts of the nature of morality and of the central moral concepts that treat women's moral experience undervalued.
D) Interdisciplinary approach to equality and equity.

Turn over

7. One of the systems of hierarchy in society which assigns most power to men, and assigns higher value to men, maleness, and masculine traits termed as :
- A) Masculinity. B) Patriarchy.
C) Family. D) Hegemony.
8. First woman University vice chancellor in Kerala state :
- A) Suja Susan George. B) Sheena shukkur.
C) Dr.Jancy james. D) G Arunima.
9. A treaty adopted by United Nations in 1979 which focuses on women's rights and women's issues worldwide :
- A) CPB. B) IWRID.
C) UDHR. D) CEDAW.
10. First Dalit women chief minister in India :
- A) Mamta Banerji. B) Jayalitha.
C) Rabri Devi. D) Mayavati.
11. Liberal feminists believe that :
- A) Gender equality can be achieved through social political and Legal means.
B) Women's problems can be solved only by breaking male dominance and sexist imbalances existing throughout history.
C) The cultural embeddedness of sexist thinking needs to be changed through the ways we support, socialize, and erect children and a distinct female culture should be fostered.
D) women's oppression is part of structured, class-based inequality.
12. 'Matrix of domination' is a term which explains one's position in society is made up of multiple contiguous standpoints rather than just one essentialist standpoint, is coined by :
- A) Bell hooks. B) Angelia Davis.
C) Judit Butler. D) Patricia Hill Collins.
13. 'Sthree purusha thulana' (comparison between men and women) is written by :
- A) Tarabai shinde. B) Savithri Phule.
C) Kamala bhasin. D) Fatima sheik.
14. Who was the founder of self-respect movement in south India ?
- A) Periyar. B) Ayyankali.
C) Chattampi swamikal. D) Sahu Maharaj.

15. Article 243 of Indian constitution ensures :
- A) Equality before the law or the equal protection of the laws within the territory of India.
 - B) That no one should create any sort of discrimination only on the grounds of religion, race, caste, sex or place of birth or any of them within the territory of India.
 - C) Reservation of seats in gram panchayat for women.
 - D) Equal employment opportunity to every citizen of India.
16. A person whose sex assigned at birth and gender identity align is called :
- A) Bisexual.
 - B) Gay.
 - C) Queer.
 - D) Cisgender.
17. Who is known as Jhansi rani of Travancore ?
- A) Rosamma Punnoos.
 - B) Lekshmi menon.
 - C) Arya Antharjanam.
 - D) Akkamma Cherian.
18. Perinadu Mutiny in the history of Kerala was :
- A) A protest by Nadar women for the right to cover their upper part of the body.
 - B) A protest by Ezhava women for the right of wearing nosepin.
 - C) A movement by Pulaya women who refused to continue the practice of wearing ornaments made of stones which was symbol of slavery or caste inferiority.
 - D) A movement by brahmin women against wearing ghosha (a long cloth).
19. Who is the founder of Anweshi women's counselling centre ?
- A) K Ajitha.
 - B) Vrinda Karat.
 - C) Sonia George.
 - D) Sara Joseph.
20. 'International day for the elimination of violence against women' declared by UN is on :
- A) November 25.
 - B) March 8.
 - C) December 1.
 - D) January 26.
21. The central scheme Ujjawala is for :
- A) Providing houses for poor communities and differently abled persons.
 - B) Prevent trafficking of women and children for commercial sexual exploitation through social mobilization and involvement of local communities, awareness generation programs.
 - C) To improve the nutritional, health and development status of adolescent girls, promote awareness of health, hygiene, nutrition and family care.
 - D) Providing educational facilities to the women and helping to find self-employment.

Turn over

22. POCSO act 2012 is dealt with :
- A) Sexual harassment at work place. B) Intimate partner violence.
C) Sexual violence against children. D) Violation against Indigenous people.
23. First women between the age of ten and fifty to enter the Sabarimala Ayyappa temple after the India Supreme Court decision allowed women of reproductive age to enter the temple :
- A) Bindu ammini and Kanaka durga. B) Remya and Rehna Fathima.
C) Sini and Bhagya Lakshmi. D) Jaya and Aparna sivakami.
24. The women veteran politician passed away recently :
- A) K R Gouri amma. B) Sugathakumari.
C) K Saraswathi amma. D) Saroj khan.
25. Who is the author of Malayala Nataka Sthree charithram (Women's theatre history) ?
- A) Yama. B) C.S Chandrika.
C) Sajitha Madathil. D) Sharadamani.

(25 × 2 = 50 marks)

Part B

*Answer any five questions.
Each question carries 10 marks.*

1. Explain the following concepts ?
A) Gender mainstreaming.
B) Gender division of labour.
2. Discuss the role of women's organisations in the process of empowerment of women ? Substantiate your observations with examples ?
3. 'One is not born, but rather becomes, a woman' - Simone de Beauvoir. How do you explain this statement ?
4. Reproductive technology is gendered ! how do you find this observation ? Give your opinion.
5. Discuss major feminist debates in Kerala.
6. Issues and challenges faced by contemporary Indian women ?
7. Write a note on women's representation in Malayalam television serials.

(5 × 10 = 50 marks)