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The question paper is divided into two Parts: A and B. Part A is compulsory. The students have to answer all the three questions of 10 marks each. In Part B, there are seven questions. The students have to answer any three questions of 15 marks each.

PART A

1. (a) Sex- and gender-based discrimination is at the heart of patriarchal control of women and sexual minorities. Discuss.

Or

- (b) Restricting women's mobility in the public sphere is patriarchy's way of controlling women's sexuality. Discuss.

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2. (a) Examine how women's political participation in India has been bettered by reservation.

Or

- (b) Critically examine *two* instances of the objectification of women in the mass media.
3. (a) How were women relevant in the nationalist struggle? Outline their participation in the national struggle for freedom.

Or

- (b) The persecution of ethnic minority women is an instance of patriarchal violence working through the concept of race. Discuss with examples.

PART B

1. Unequal personal laws contribute to the poor social position of women. Discuss with examples from Indian personal laws.
2. Dalit women are impacted by caste-based oppression as much as gender-based discrimination. Discuss how feminism can be sensitive to both forms of inequality.
3. Female foeticide, domestic violence and dowry work in interlinked ways socially. Examine how legal provisions against these are important tools in reducing the resulting violence against women.
4. "Sultana's Dream" is a feminist dream seen by a relatively privileged woman. Evaluate.

5. Environmental degradation affects women and children because it further compromises access to natural and social resources. Discuss.
6. Women's marriage choices are strictly limited by patriarchy, which seeks to punish them for violating its rules. Do you agree? Examine with reference to the status of inter-caste and inter-religious marriage in India.
7. The concept "national honour" renders women vulnerable to sexual violence. Discuss in the light of Partition narratives.