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10. *Sultana's Dream* places the burden of purdah on men in order to introspect the impact of gender segregation. Do you agree? Discuss with close reference to the text.

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**Instructions for Candidates**

1. Write your Roll No. on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper.
2. Attempt **three** questions each from Parts A and B.

**Part A**

Attempt any **three** from the following : (3×10=30)

1. (a) "Gender" and "sex" are concepts that seem to refer to society and biology respectively, but are both equally shaped by society. Examine this assertion.

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Or

(b) Violence is fundamental and necessary for patriarchy to sustain itself. Do you agree? Give a reasoned answer.

2. (a) Control of women's bodies is a means of keeping women subservient. Examine with examples.

Or

(b) What is domestic violence? How does the silence around it impact women's lives negatively?

3. (a) To become relevant to Dalit women, feminism must work to overthrow caste oppression at the same time as it struggles to overthrow gender oppression. Discuss.

Or

(b) Machismo as an ideal for men gives social sanction to violence against women. Discuss.

**Part B**

Attempt any **three** of the following : (15×3=45)

4. Examining laws against dowry, assess if it provides significant protection to women against violence within the home.

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5. What are the laws against female foeticide and sex determination? Examine their successes and limitations in the fight against sex selection in India.

6. Assess the utility and impact for gender-justice of any three personal laws available to Indian women from various communities.

7. Mainstream representations of issues of rape, sexual harassment, domestic violence and women's rights can heavily stereotype women. Examine this statement in relation to any *three* films or television series or advertisements or any other popular representations.

8. Women of all communities found themselves equally vulnerable to violence as they were seen as objects and as mere containers of community honour. Examine in relation to partition narratives.

9. Has reservation for women's greater representation and participation in politics had an impact? Assess in relation to current provisions in the Indian political system.

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