

**Unique Paper Code 12035905**

**Name of the Course: BA/BCom/BSc Honours courses Generic Elective**

**Name of the paper: Contemporary India: Women and Empowerment**

**Semester III**

**Marks: 75**

**Time limit: 3+1** (one hour reserved for downloading of question paper, scanning and uploading of answer sheets)

Students will attempt **any THREE questions.**

All questions carry equal marks. Answers to be written in **500-800 words.**

1. All genders and sexualities are not treated equally because patriarchy favours heteronormativity. Do you agree? Support your answer with examples from the Indian context.
2. With the help of any two stories or plays or other such texts from your course, demonstrate how authors show us that “All issues are women’s issues.”
3. Dalit women’s lives and opportunities are severely constrained by caste-based and gender-based violence. Discuss with examples from any two texts prescribed for study.
4. Discuss any two important issues taken up by the Indian women's movement in post-Independence India.
5. Dowry and domestic violence are two forms of violence against women that take place in the private space of the home. Discuss how useful prevailing legal protections available to Indian women are in tackling this violence.
6. Gender determines our access to various resources. Do you agree? Support your answer with at least 3 examples.