

9. What is domestic violence? Why has The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act 2005 not been successful in ending this social evil? What role may the feminist movement play in this situation?
10. Is women's political and economic participation at par with that of men in contemporary India? Discuss.



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**Instructions for Candidates**

1. Write your Roll. No. on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper.
2. Part A and Part B are both compulsory.
3. Attempt any Three questions each from Parts A and B respectively.

**Part A**

**Attempt any 3 questions (3×10= 30 marks)**

1. Why does patriarchy continue to persist? Give a reasoned answer with the help of suitable examples from the syllabus.

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2. Do you agree that Suvarthavani faces sexual harassment and violence in M.M. Vinodini's 'The Parable of the Lost Daughter' due to her caste and religious identities? Support your answer with reference to the text.
3. Analyse the debates around widow remarriage in pre-independence India.
4. Discuss the impact of the Partition of India on women's lives across communities with reference to Urvashi Butalia's Other Side of Silence.
5. Discuss the provisions of the Anti-Dowry Act 1961. How effective has it been in checking the evil of dowry in contemporary India?

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**Part B**

**Attempt any 3 questions (3×15= 45 marks)**

6. Compare and contrast the experiences of child marriage narrated in the prescribed sections from Rassundari Devi's Amar Jiban and Baby Kamble's 'Our Wretched Lives'.
7. How does Mahashweta Devi critique the demonization of women as "bayen" / witches in her play 'Bayen'? Discuss with reference to Chandi Dasi's experiences.
8. Historically, women's rights in India have been won through women's organization, mobilization and protests. Discuss with reference to some prominent protest movements such as the anti-Sati and anti-liquor movements among others.

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