



**DEPARTMENT OF DISTANCE EDUCATION  
PUNJABI UNIVERSITY, PATIALA**

**SYLLABUS  
M.A. (WOMEN STUDIES) PART-I (ANNUAL)  
2011-2012 EXAMINATIONS**

**PAPER-I : CONCEPTUALISING WOMEN'S STUDIES**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PAPER-SETTER  
(For Deptt. of Distance Education Candidates)**

**Theory : 80**

**Pass Marks : 28**

**Time : 3 hours**

**Internal Assessment : 20**

**(Two House Tests of 10 marks each)**

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**SECTION-A**

Concept and Need for Women's Studies; Scope of Women's Studies; Women's Studies as an academic discipline.

**SECTION-B**

Basic Concepts : Sex, Gender (Gender Relations), Patriarchy, Feminism, Femininity, Masculinity, Gender Discrimination and Empowerment, Gender Division of Labour.

**SECTION-C**

Gender Issues - An Introduction, Women & Work, Women & Health, Women & Media, Women & Violence, Women & Law.

**SECTION-D**

Women's Studies in India - Origin & Growth.

Women's Studies in West - Origin & Growth.

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**PAPER-II : WOMEN'S MOVEMENTS AND FEMINIST THEORIES****INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PAPER-SETTER  
(For Deptt. of Distance Education Candidates)****Theory : 80****Internal Assessment : 20****Pass Marks : 28****(Two House Tests of 10 marks each)****Time : 3 hours**

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**SECTION-A****Women's Movements in India**

1. Women's Movements in India - Pre Independence & Post-Independence period.
2. Women's Movements in USA, UK, France and China.

**SECTION-B**

Liberal Feminism - Mary Wollstone Croft, J.S. Mill & Harriet Taylor, Betty Friedan.

**SECTION-C****Feminist Theories**

Radical Feminism - Simone De Beauvoir, Shulamith Firestone.

Marxist Feminism - Fredrick Engels, Lenin and Maria Mies.

**SECTION-D**

Socialist Feminism - Julliet Mitchell, Iris Young.

Post-Modern Feminism - Judith Butler, Christina Hoff.

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1. Aloo, J. Dastur & Usha. H. Mehta : Gandhi's Contribution to the Emanicipation of Women, Bombay : Popular Prakasan, 1989.
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**PAPER-III : RESEARCH METHODOLOGY****INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PAPER-SETTER  
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**SECTION-A****Introduction**

1. Approach to Women's studies, scope and significance of research in Women's studies, Distinctive Methodology for Research in Women's studies.
2. Social Science Research - Scope, Objective, Uses and Objectivity.

**SECTION-B**

1. Relationship between Theory & Research
2. Research Design : Exploratory, Diagnostic, Experimental, Survey, Evaluation Research.

**SECTION-C**

1. Problem formulation, Hypothesis.
2. Sampling - Significance and limitations of Sampling, Types of Sampling.

**SECTION-D**

1. Sources of Data :
  - (a) Primary
  - (b) Secondary
2. Methodology of Women's Studies Research
  - (a) Case Study
  - (b) Triangulation
  - (c) Content Analysis

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**PAPER-IV : WOMEN AND SOCIETY**

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1. Women in Society :
  - (a) Ancient India
  - (b) Modern India
2. Position of Women in :
  - (a) Hinduism
  - (b) Sikhism
  - (c) Islam
  - (d) Buddhism and Jainism

**SECTION-B**

1. Socialization : Concept, process, types and stages of Socialization with special reference to women.
2. Agencies of Socialization
3. Social Construction of Gender

**SECTION-C**

1. Female Infanticide & foeticide
2. Sex Ratio
3. Child Marriage
4. Dowry

**SECTION-D**

1. Female Headed Households
2. Problems of Dalit Women
3. Domestic Violence
4. Crime against Women

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