

PG CBCS
M.A. Semester-IV Examination, 2022
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
PAPER: HIS 404

(WOMEN AND SOCIETY IN INDIAN HISTORY)

Full Marks: 40

Time: 2 Hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks.
 Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

GROUP-A

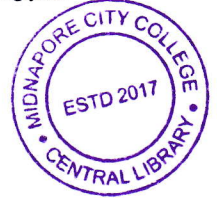
1. Answer any two questions: 2×8=16

- a) Discuss the issue of gender discrimination in Indian patriarchal society.
- b) Analyse the position of women in the Indus valley civilization. What changes took place in the Vedic period?
- c) Comment on Gandhi's views on women's education and their participation in the nationalist movement.
- d) Critically analyze the social and legal rights of women in Post Independent India.

GROUP-B

2. Answer any two questions: 4×4=16

- a) Briefly discuss the sexual harassment of working women in India during your period of study.
- b) How did M.N. Shrinivas differentiate between class and caste?
- c) What was the official discourse on Sati?
- d) Discuss the views on the Widow Remarriage Act in the 19th century.
- e) How did Ambedkar address the issue of dalit womanhood?
- f) Discuss the role of women in the Chipko movement.



GROUP-C

3. Answer any four questions: 4×2=8

- a) What do you mean by Feminism?
- b) What is the difference between Sex and Gender?
- c) Define the term 'Dwijja' in the context of the Vedic society.
- d) What is the historical significance of lady Dufferin Fund?
- e) What are the basic causes of violence against women?
- f) What are the objectives of women's empowerment?
