

2026

(FYUGP)

(4th Semester)

SOCIOLOGY

(MINOR)



Paper : SOC/H/M-4

(Sociology of Gender)

Full Marks : 75

Pass Marks : 40%

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions.*

(PART : A—OBJECTIVE)

(Marks : 25)

SECTION—I

(Marks : 15)

Choose the correct option :

1×15=15

1. The labelling of an infant as 'boy' or 'girl' at birth is primarily based on

- (a) gender identity**
- (b) biological sex**
- (c) cultural norms**
- (d) socialization process**

2. A genderfluid person is best described as someone who

- (a) identifies only as transgender
- (b) has no gender identity
- (c) identifies permanently as neither male nor female
- (d) identifies as male or female depending on the day or situation

3. The book, *Sex, Gender and Society* was written in 1972 by

- (a) Ann Oakley
- (b) Simone de Beauvoir
- (c) Judith Butler
- (d) Kamla Bhasin

4. According to sociologists, gender behavior is

- (a) biological
- (b) learned
- (c) androgenic
- (d) None of the above

5. Patriarchy is a social structure as well as an ideology according to which _____ are superior.

- (a) women
- (b) men
- (c) both women and men
- (d) None of the above

6. _____ is the key site where biological sex transforms into social gender.

- (a) Workplace
- (b) Place of worship
- (c) Family
- (d) School

7. In pre-industrial societies, social equilibrium was maintained by assigning different tasks to men and women. These societies were called

- (a) Functionalist
- (b) Conflict
- (c) Interactionist
- (d) Subaltern

8. When the wife's mother takes the 'expressive role', she is expected to cement relationships and provides
- (a) emotional support
 - (b) economic support
 - (c) social support
 - (d) physical support
9. _____ is a sociological perspective that focuses on power, dynamics and social inequalities.
- (a) Conflict theory
 - (b) Functionalist
 - (c) Interactionist
 - (d) Queer theory
10. According to _____, a woman is the companion of man, gifted with equal mental capacities.
- (a) Savitribai Phule
 - (b) M. K. Gandhi
 - (c) Kamla Bhasin
 - (d) Judith Butler

11. The book, *Can the Subaltern Speak?* was written by
- (a) Arundhati Roy
 - (b) Cynthia Stephen
 - (c) Anita Desai
 - (d) Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak
12. Who wrote the book, *Gender, Class and Stratification : Towards a New Approach?*
- (a) Sylvia Walby
 - (b) Ann Oakley
 - (c) Joan Aker
 - (d) Judith Butler
13. There is striking difference in the levels of purity/impurity between men and women of
- (a) high caste
 - (b) low caste
 - (c) both high caste and low caste
 - (d) None of the above
14. Which Act provides for equal wages to men and women for equal work?
- (a) The Equal Salary Act
 - (b) The Equal Wages Act
 - (c) The Equal Remuneration Act
 - (d) The Equal Allowance Act

15. The term NCW stands for

- (a) National Commission for Women
- (b) National Corporation of Women
- (c) National Corps of Women
- (d) Natural Component of Women

SECTION—II

(Marks : 10)

Answer any *five* questions in brief :

2×5=10

1. Define gender.
2. How does culture influence gender role?
3. Explain patriarchy as a social construct.
4. Discuss the subaltern perspective on gender.
5. What is gender discrimination at the workplace?
6. Briefly illustrate the class and gender inequality.
7. What is gender mainstreaming?
8. State two emerging challenges women face in the context of gender inequality.

(PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

1. (a) Give a detailed explanation of why gender matters in society. 10

Or

- (b) Explain, in detail, the different types of gender. 2+8=10

2. (a) Define sex. Bring out the differences between sex and gender. 2+8=10

Or

- (b) What is gender socialization? Discuss the most common agents of gender socialization. 2+8=10

3. (a) Critically explain the conflict theory towards understanding gender. 10

Or

- (b) Explain, in detail, Gandhian view on gender. 10

4. (a) Explain the differences and inequalities experience by women in a caste system. 10

Or

(b) Describe how family become a site for perpetuation of gender differences and inequalities. 10

5. (a) Discuss the role of women in decision-making. 10

Or

(b) Give a detailed account of women's movement in bringing gender equality in India. 10

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