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**B.A./B.Sc. (Hons.) Fifth Semester  
Political Science  
Paper [Opt. (iii)]: Women and Political Process**

**Time allowed: 3 Hours**

**Max. Marks: 90**

**NOTE:** Attempt five questions in all, including Question No. 1 which is compulsory and selecting one question from each Unit.

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I. Write short notes on any nine of the following:-

- a) What is the significance of the 74<sup>th</sup> amendment to the Indian Constitution for women?
- b) What is meant by female foeticide?
- c) Name two women who were important in the Indian national movement.
- d) List two provisions of the 2013 changes to rape law in India.
- e) Compare female literacy levels at independence and now in India.
- f) What law did Rammohan Roy campaign for?
- g) What is the meaning of the private-public dichotomy?
- h) What branch of feminism is Maria Mies associated with?
- i) What topic did Kumari Jayawardhane write her famous book on?
- j) When did Indian women get the right to vote? Did it apply to all Indian women?
- k) What is the difference between the first and second wave feminism?
- l) What was the Mathura case about?
- m) What does feminism use the term patriarchy for?
- n) What was the decade that UN declared as the Decade for Women?
- o) Which state in India has the best sex-ratio and which has the worst? (9x2)

**UNIT - I**

- II. What is meant by capitalist patriarchy? Discuss the key features of socialist feminism. (18)
- III. How does liberal feminism seek to apply liberal values to the issue of gender equality? (18)

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**UNIT – II**

- IV. Assess the contributions of the suffrage movements to feminism. Why is it understood as the 'first wave'? (18)
- V. Do you think the participation of women influenced the ideas of the Indian national movement on gender equality? (18)

**UNIT – III**

- VI. What are the standards through which we can compare the position of women in the different periods of Indian history? (18)
- VII. What rights do women have in modern India under the Constitution? What have been the changes in these rights since independence? (18)

**UNIT – IV**

- VIII. Evaluate the anti-dowry campaign of the Indian women's movement. What issues does dowry raise for women's rights in the family and society? (18)
- IX. Assess the impact of reservation for women in local government bodies. Do you think it has led to gender equality? (18)

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