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**B.A./B.Sc. (General) 5<sup>th</sup> Semester  
(2124)**

**POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**Paper : Opt. (iii) Women & Political Process**

**Time Allowed : Three Hours]**

**[Maximum Marks : 90**

1. This question is compulsory. Answer any **NINE** in **25-30** words each. Each question carries **2** marks.

- (i) Name two theorists associated with radical feminism.
- (ii) What is meant by capitalist patriarchy ?
- (iii) What does Section 498A of the Indian Penal Code deal with ?
- (iv) Give two changes brought about in the law against rape in India in 2013.
- (v) Why is Gandhi important for women's participation in national movement ?
- (vi) Why is child sex ratio a critical issue in India ?
- (vii) Give an example of affirmative action with regard to women in India.
- (viii) What is the significance of the 2005 amendment to Hindu Succession Act ?

- (ix) Why is the French Revolution important for the feminist movement ?
- (x) What is the feminist critique of the public-private divide in liberal theory ?
- (xi) What is meant by sexual division of labour ?
- (xii) Why do feminist historians critique the idea of a golden Vedic Period ?
- (xiii) Give two issues raised by the social reform movement in colonial India.
- (xiv) What is the change in female literacy in India since independence to the time of the last census ?
- (xv) What is the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam about ?

Answer **ONE** from each unit. Each question carries **18** marks.

### UNIT—I

2. What are the common areas of concern between Socialist and Marxist feminism and what are the key differences between their analyses of patriarchy ?

**OR**

3. Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of liberal feminism.

### UNIT—II

4. How did the women's movement in colonial India link the twin concerns of nationalism and gender equality ? Answer with reference to specific issues raised by the women's movement.

**OR**

5. Examine the achievements of the suffrage movements in the Western world.

### UNIT—III

6. How has women's studies understood the nature of patriarchy in India over the three main historical periods ?

### OR

7. Assess the state of property rights of women in India after independence.

### UNIT—IV

8. What is meant by the autonomous women's movement in India ? What are the key issues taken up by this movement and what have been its achievements ?

### OR

9. Critically evaluate the nature of political participation of women in India since the 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> Constitutional amendments.