

AUD PG ENTRANCE TEST 2020

DESCRIPTION OF TEST (To be put up on University website)

School: School of Human Studies

Programme: Gender Studies

Duration of test (max 2 hours):

Description of test:

The exam will be based on multiple choice questions. There will be passage based questions and non-passage based questions. There will be NO negative marking. Applicants would be assessed to establish their critical and analytical abilities. Familiarity and interest in issues of gender and society in general would be an advantage. Regular reading of newspapers, exposure to media and thinking about social issues would be of immense help. A critical interest in literature and an ability to grasp the nuances of the gendered nature of the world that we live in would be very vital. Typically, candidates might be given either a passage from landmark feminist writings, autobiographies, classic social sciences literature, newspaper reports, and works of fiction and so on and ask them to engage with it critically as they choose from multiple options. Some familiarity with current debates within the women's movement, theory and issues concerning gender and politics would also help. Knowing about notable women in recent times that have been inspirations as they have fought patriarchy will be useful. An interdisciplinary orientation and an interest in diverse reading materials would be appreciated.

Sample questions:

MA Gender Studies Model Question Paper, 2020

Time: 2 hours

All Questions will be Multiple Choice Questions. Section I will have passage based questions. Each question in Section I will carry 2 marks. Section II will be non-passage based questions. Each Question will carry 1 mark. All questions are compulsory. There is NO negative marking.

Section I (2 marks each)

Read the Passage below and answer the questions (1-3) given below:

You are the talk of the town these days, so, you know, I wanted to talk to you. You are a student. You seek to be highly educated, but you turn a blind eye to the academic terrorism that routinely cripples and kills poor students in universities. You never acknowledge the privilege of exclusivity. You strut about with the confidence that you will never slip below the poverty line. You never know the pain of exclusion. You would have never lost your home in a slum demolition drive. On the other hand, you know, with self-assured grace you make up India's fanciful, much-advertised youngistan edge. You flaunt the fact that you are one of the 120 million youth that your country will add to its workforce over the next decade. You forget that this workforce, devoid of any working class consciousness, shall only serve to launch the latest edition of slave trade. Welcome

aboard, dude! The Slave Ship is waiting for you. If and when India's economy goes into freefall mode, you will be the first to flounder. Just remember that. You also like to imagine yourself as a sexually restless youngster. Sadly, diktats and death threats make you seek shelter in matrimonial websites with drop-down menus listing 450 sub-castes. You blame this casteism on parental pressure...I write to you because I believe that you could be the stronger one. Some day you will step out of your selfish skin and speak up for the people. Some day you will wage war against every injustice and uproot every oppression. Some day your sacrifice Out of habit, don't look for the „Like“ button as you finish reading this. Look for liberation. Learn to fight.

Love,
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Who is the author addressing?

- 1) Students
- 2) Poor students
- 3) Dalit students
- 4) Privileged and upper caste students

Privileged and upper caste students will be impacted worst if:

- 1) India's economy goes into a free fall
- 2) They cannot go abroad
- 3) They don't get sexual freedom
- 4) They don't have the choice of jobs

What is the author asking the youth to fight for?

- 1) A liberated caste free society
- 2) Justice and dignity for all
- 3) Freedom from a false sense of superiority
- 4) All of the above

Section 2: All questions carry 1 mark

In December 2012 after Delhi gang rape and protests nationwide, Verma Commission was set up to:

- 1) Recommend amendments to the Criminal Law
- 2) To try the accused of the gang rape
- 3) To ensure justice for the family of the rape victim
- 4) To strengthen the police

The International Cairo conference on Population and Development, held in 1994 was significant because:

- 1) It foregrounded women's reproductive and sexual rights
- 2) Feminist vision of reproductive rights and gender equality
- 3) Pushed back patriarchal ideas of the Vatican and other religious groups
- 4) All of the above

The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 was a landmark Act because:

- 1) It was recognition by the state that family/household were also sites of violence against women
- 2) It was a strong statement against religious violence
- 3) It protected minorities against the violence of riots
- 4) It redefined the geographical space of the domestic

The core philosophical and political stress of liberal feminism treats:

- 1) Women as individuals and focuses on their ability to maintain their equality through their own actions and choices
- 2) To liberate all women

3) Women's liberation can only happen within capitalism

4) Men are not the principle enemy

The iconic Indian mountaineering sportswoman who fought her patriarchal family and society to follow her dreams:

1) Mary Kom

2) Vinesh Phogat

3) Bachendri Pal

4) Dutee Chand