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Name of the Paper : Contemporary India : Women and Empowerment

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Part A

Attempt all questions.

3×10=30

1. (a) In what ways is female foeticide a social evil that maintains gender inequalities ?

Or

(b) What is sexual harassment ? Examine how breaking the silence on the subject enhances safety in the workplace for women.

2. (a) Gender inequality is socially constructed within patriarchy. Discuss.

Or

(b) What are the ways in which patriarchy makes motherhood compulsory for women ? Discuss.

3. (a) Economists consider housework "unproductive labour". Critically analyse this position.

Or

(b) The call for the education of girls and women was the foundation of social change. Discuss.

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Part B

Attempt any *three* of the following questions.

3×15=45

1. What is domestic violence ? Evaluate the legal and social provisions that exist in India against domestic violence.
2. How do Personal Law codes in India create biases against women in the contexts of marriage, divorce and child custody ? Discuss.
3. Greater presence of elected women's representatives in decision-making bodies like Parliament and State legislatures and grassroots bodies like Panchayats will help reduce discrimination against women in law and policy. Analyse.
4. Women and children are the first victims of environmental degradation. Do you agree ? Discuss with examples.
5. The Indian women's movement believes that "All issues are women's issues." Discuss in relation to the connections between patriarchy and caste, class, race and religion.
6. Atrocities against women were an integral part of Partition violence. Examine the connections between female honour and national pride.
7. Customs and ritual practices reproduce oppressive patriarchal ideas of femininity. Examine in relation to any *three* contemporary instances.