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**(Department of Gender & Women Studies)**

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**Course: Perspectives of Gender Studies (9162) Semester: Spring, 2025**

**Level: BS Credit Hours: 03**

## Please read the following instructions for writing your assignments. (AD, BS, B. Ed, MA/MSc, MEd) (ODL Mode).

1. All questions are compulsory and carry equal marks but within a question the marks are distributed according to its requirements.

2. Read the question carefully and then answer it according to the requirements of the questions.

3. Avoid irrelevant discussion/information and reproducing from books, study guide or allied material.

4. Handwritten scanned assignments are not acceptable.

5. Upload your typed (in Word or PDF format) assignments on or before the due date.

6. Your own analysis and synthesis will be appreciated.

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**Total Marks: 100 Pass Marks: 50**

**ASSIGNMENT No. 1**

**(Unit 1–5)**

**Q1.** Do you believe that the field of Women’s Studies can play a pivotal role in addressing gender discrimination and inequality in society? Justify your answer with appropriate reasons. **(20)**

**Q2.** Differentiate between sex and gender with examples. Discuss the biological and social factors that contribute to the development of gender differences.

**(20)**

**Q3.** How does Freud’s psychoanalytic theory explain the formation of gender identity? Analyze gender development through this theoretical lens. **(20)**

**Q4.** From a feminist viewpoint, how do gender typing and the division of labor, as explained by Anne Witz (1997), impact societal structures? **(20)**

**Q5.** Write notes on the following: **(20)**

a) The diversity within feminist movements  
b) The concept of women’s knowledge systems

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**ASSIGNMENT No. 2**

**(Unit 6–9)**

**Q1.** Why do feminists consider qualitative research to be the most effective approach for exploring gender and feminist issues? **(20)**

**Q2.** According to Marxism, what are the root causes of women’s oppression in society, and was Marxism successful in achieving gender equality? **(20)**

**Q3.** Compare and contrast the status of women in Hindu culture with the representation of goddesses in Hindu scriptures and mythology. **(20)**

**Q4.** Provide an overview of the current situation of women in Islamic countries. Discuss their challenges and rights. **(20)**

**Q5.** Write notes on the following: **(20)**

a) The status of women in Buddhism  
b) Women’s rights in Christianity