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**Gender Studies (Open Elective-1)**

Teaching Hours: 03/ Week

**Course Objectives:**

- To define gender, gender concepts and terminologies
- To Identify the differences between sex and gender
- To discuss the differences between sex roles and gender roles
- To explore the relationship between gender and power

**Course Outcomes:**

CO1: Participants will have an understanding of gender concepts and terminologies and they learn to think critically regarding the gender roles

CO2: They challenge the cultural construction of gender

**Unit -1**

Introduction to Gender Studies:

12 hours

1. What is Gender studies
2. Why study gender
3. Scope of gender studies
4. Function of Gender Studies
5. Literature and Gender

**Unit-2**

Gender Concepts;

12 Hours

1. Patriarchy
2. Masculinity
3. Femininity
4. Transgender
5. Gender empowerment

### Unit-3

Poems:

10 Hours

1. Don't Look into Vanity Bag –Vaidhehi
2. They Ask for Evidence for Everything - Pratibha Nandakumar( from Her Poems ed by Anupama H S)
3. Meenabatti –Shashikala Veerayya Swamy (from Women's Writing in India-vol-II)
4. Fire Walking by Savita Nagabhushana

### Unit-4

Short Stories:

10 Hours

1. Red Parrot by Vasudhendra
2. The Shadow by Veena Shanteshwara (from Selected Kannada Short Stories ed by G S Amur)
3. The Yellow Wall-Paper by *Cltarlotte Perkins Stetson*.

### Reference Works:

Butler, Judith. *Gender Trouble: Feminism and the Subversion of Identity*, Routledge, 2007

Homes, Mary. *What is Gender: Sociological Approaches*, Sage Publishers, 2007.

Mary Evans and Carolyn H Williams eds. *Gender: The Key Concepts*. Routledge, 2013.

Tharu, Susie and Lalita K eds. *Women's Writing from India*. O U P, 1997

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**I Semester**

**Paper: 1 --Gender Studies**

**Time :**

**Max Marks:60**

**Section –A Introduction to Gender Studies and Concepts**

**( 20 Marks)**

1. Select the most appropriate answer from the options provided: 10X1=10
2. Write short note on any TWO of the following in about a page and each. 2X 5=10

**Section-B Poetry**

**(20 Marks)**

1. Answer any ONE of the following in two pages. 1X10=10
2. Write short note on any TWO of the following. 5X2=10

**Section –C Short Stories**

**( 20Marks)**

1. Answer any TWO of the following in two pages. 2X10=20

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