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Entrance Test Overview

The entrance examination consists of 100 objective-type multiple-choice questions. Preparation should combine the foundations of Women's Studies and Gender Studies with feminist theory, women's movements, law and public policy, human rights, literature, history, current debates and general awareness.

Examination Pattern

Test format	Number of questions	Main coverage
Objective type multiple choice	100	Gender Studies, women's movements, society, feminist theory, law, human rights, literature, current affairs and related cultural fields



Detailed Entrance Syllabus

Women Studies as a Discipline

Study the origin, nature, scope and interdisciplinary character of Women's Studies.

- Emergence and institutionalisation of Women's Studies
- Women's Studies, Gender Studies and their relationship with other social-science disciplines
- Key concerns: equality, difference, power, representation, agency and social justice
- Women's knowledge, lived experience and feminist research perspectives

History of Women Movements Global and Local

Prepare major phases, organisations, leaders, demands and outcomes of women's movements.

- Women's suffrage and early reform movements
- First, second, third and contemporary waves of feminism
- Anti-colonial, labour, civil-rights and grassroots women's movements
- Women's movements in India: social reform, nationalist period and post-Independence campaigns
- Local and community-based movements against violence, discrimination and exclusion

Women and Society

Understand how social institutions and inequalities shape women's lives.

- Social stratification based on class, caste, race, religion, ethnicity and region
- Intersectionality and multiple forms of privilege and disadvantage
- Gender socialisation through family, school, community, religion and media
- Family, kinship and marriage: structures, roles, authority, care work and property
- Patriarchy, gender division of labour and unpaid work

Women Personalities and Contributions

Review historically renowned women from India and the world and connect their work to social, political, literary, scientific, artistic and reform movements.

- Women reformers, freedom fighters, political leaders and activists
- Women writers, artists, educators, scientists, athletes and social entrepreneurs
- Contribution, historical context, institution or movement associated with each personality

Feminist Theory

Prepare the basic arguments, concepts and differences among major feminist perspectives.

- Liberal feminism: equality, rights, education and legal reform
- Radical feminism: patriarchy, power, sexuality and violence



- Socialist and Marxist feminism: class, labour, capitalism and reproduction
- Postmodern feminism: difference, language, identity and critique of universal categories
- Comparison and application of feminist theories to contemporary issues

Constitution Law and Government Initiatives

Focus on women's rights, safeguards and state responses in India.

- Constitutional principles of equality, non-discrimination, dignity and affirmative action
- Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles relevant to women
- Legal safeguards concerning violence, harassment, marriage, employment, property and political participation
- Government initiatives, plans, schemes and policies for women's empowerment
- National and institutional mechanisms for protection and redress

Women History and Gender History

Understand the transition from recovering women's presence in history to analysing gender as a historical category.

- Women's invisibility and representation in conventional histories
- Sources for women's and gender history: oral histories, autobiographies, literature and archives
- Gendered interpretation of work, family, citizenship, nationalism and social change

Core Concepts in Gender Studies

Revise concepts and their application to everyday institutions and public life.

- Sex, gender, sexuality and gender identity
- Patriarchy, masculinity, femininity and heteronormativity
- Equality, equity, empowerment, agency and representation
- Public and private spheres, care work and gender division of labour
- Stereotypes, discrimination, marginalisation and gender-based violence

Gender and Human Rights

Prepare major global human-rights instruments and gender-equality commitments.

- Universal human rights and women's rights
- United Nations conventions concerning women and gender equality
- Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women CEDAW
- Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action
- Sustainable Development Goals with emphasis on gender equality and linked goals

General Knowledge and Current Issues

Follow local, national and global developments and understand their gender implications.



- Political, social and economic issues
- Major events in Indian and world history
- Public policy, elections, governance, education, health, employment and environment
- Current developments affecting women and marginalised communities

Gender and Literature

Prepare significant books, authors and literary contributions related to women's issues at global and local levels.

- Feminist writings, autobiographies, biographies, essays, fiction, poetry and criticism
- Major women authors and works concerning gender, identity, rights and social change
- Representation of women and gender relations in literature

Current Discourses and Debates

Develop awareness of contemporary women-related issues across public life and culture.

- Socio-political events and economic policies
- Violence, safety, bodily autonomy, work, health, education and political representation
- Gender debates in sports, music, art and cinema
- Popular media, advertising, digital platforms and representation
- Women-related awards, achievements and major public controversies

Suggested Preparation Strategy

Build a concept notebook: Define central concepts and record one Indian and one global example for each.

Use comparative charts: Compare feminist theories, women's movements, constitutional safeguards and international frameworks.

Connect history with current affairs: Link historical movements and personalities with contemporary debates on rights and representation.

Revise books and personalities: Prepare author-work pairs, major contributions, awards and the contexts in which they became important.

Practise objective questions: Solve mixed MCQ sets covering concepts, chronology, laws, personalities, texts and current events.