

2021

HISTORY

SEMESTER - II

GE 8

**Histories of Women and Gender**

**Full Marks: 40 Time: 2 Hours**

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks*

*Candidates are required to give answers in their own words as far as practicable*

Answer **any two** questions from the following

Answer scripts will have to be sent within **half an hour** since the end of the examination

1. Identify the major trends in writing women's history in India since 1970s. How did they transform our understanding of history? 20
2. Discuss the context and major features of the second wave women's movement in India. How did the Shah Bano Case and the Roop Kanwar incident affect the course of the movement? 20
3. The attempts of the social reformers and the British government to 'educate' women created a 'new patriarchy'. Do you agree? 20

OR

- Critically assess the nature of transformation of women's role during nationalism with special reference to Gandhian politics. 20
4. How would you evaluate the importance of women's autobiographies in writing women's history? Discuss with examples. 20
  5. 'Women's biographies can redefine existing notions of our historical past.' Discuss with reference to any one biographical work of your choice. 20