PAPER I

CONCEPTUAL AND THEORETICAL FOUNDATIONS

MAX MARKS: 100

EXTERNAL: 70

INTERNAL: 30

PASS: 40%

CREDITS: 6

Objective:

To introduce students to the fundamental concepts of gender, socialization and power structures and to develop an understanding of theoretical perspectives explaining gender relations and social change**.**

Course Outcomes:

- Understand the concept of gender and its distinction from biological sex.
- Analyze processes of gender socialization and the role of social institutions.
- Examine patriarchy and power relations in shaping gender inequality.
- Apply feminist perspectives to understand gender relations and social change.

Section A

Unit 1: Understanding Gender: Meaning of sex and gender; Gender roles and stereotypes; Gender as a social construct

Unit 2: Gender Socialization; Family, school and society; Cultural norms and practices

Unit 3: Patriarchy and Power: Meaning and structure of patriarchy;

Unit 4: Gender inequality and Public-private spheres

Section B

Unit 5: Feminist Perspectives: Liberal, radical and socialist feminism

Unit 6: Introduction to intersectionality

Unit 7: Gender and Society; Gender relations in society; Social institutions and gender

Unit 8: Gender and Social Change; Changing gender roles; Impact of modernization and globalization

Suggested Readings:

1. Bhasin, K. (2006). What is patriarchy? Women Unlimited.
2. Butler, J. (1990). Gender trouble: Feminism and the subversion of identity. Routledge.

3. Crenshaw, K. (1991). Mapping the margins: Intersectionality, identity politics and violence against women of color. Stanford Law Review, 43(6), 1241–1299.
4. Oakley, A. (1972). Sex, gender and society. Temple Smith.
5. Beauvoir, S. de. (2011). The second sex. Vintage Books.
6. United Nations Women. (n.d.). Concepts and definitions.
7. UNESCO. (2019). Gender equality and education.