DWEDT4: PAPER I: WOMEN & EDUCATION

Objectives –

This paper aims to provide students with an understanding of the role of education in women empowerment and social transformation. It focuses on barriers to girls' education, gender discrimination, and policies promoting women's literacy and access to higher education. The course also highlights women's participation in STEM fields, digital literacy, inclusive education practices, and the contribution of NGOs and open learning systems in improving educational opportunities for women.

Course Outcomes (COs)

CO1: Understand the importance of education as a tool for women empowerment and social change.

CO2: Identify and analyze the barriers to girls' education, including socio-economic, cultural, and gender-based challenges.

CO3: Examine national policies and programs such as NEP, literacy initiatives, and skill development efforts promoting women's education.

CO4: Evaluate the role of teachers, NGOs, and community participation in promoting gender-sensitive and inclusive education.

CO5: Assess the impact of digital learning, ICT, distance education, and emerging technologies in enhancing educational opportunities for women.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PAPER SETTER/EXAMINER:

1. The syllabus prescribed should be strictly adhered to.
2. The question paper will consist of three sections: A, B, and C. Sections A and B will have four questions each from the respective sections of the syllabus and will carry 10 marks each. The candidates will attempt two questions from each section.
3. Section C will have fifteen short answer questions covering the entire syllabus. Each question will carry 3 marks. Candidates will attempt any 10 questions from this section.

4. The examiner shall give a clear instruction to the candidates to attempt questions only at one place and only once. Second or subsequent attempts, unless the earlier ones have been crossed out, shall not be evaluated.
5. The duration of each paper will be three hours.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CANDIDATES:

Candidates are required to attempt any two questions each from the sections A, and B of the question paper, and any ten short answer questions from Section C. They have to attempt questions only at one place and only once. Second or subsequent attempts, unless the earlier ones have been crossed out, shall not be evaluated.

DWEDT4	**Paper–I: Women & Education** **SECTION A** Unit 1: Importance of Education in Women Empowerment: Education as a Tool for Social Change Unit 2: Barriers to Girls' Education: Gender Discrimination in Education & Socio-Economic and Cultural Challenges Unit 3: Policies Promoting Women's Education: National Education Policy (NEP) and Women & Literacy Programs and Adult Education Unit 4: Women in STEM Fields and Higher Education: Vocational and Skill-Based Training for Women **SECTION B** Unit 5: Role of Teachers in Gender Sensitization: Gender Inclusive Curriculum and Classroom Practices & Value Education and Women Empowerment Unit 6: Online Learning Platforms and Digital Literacy for Women: ICT and E-Learning in Women Education & Digital Inclusion and Cyber Awareness Unit 7: Role of NGOs in Promoting Education for Women: Community Participation and Awareness Campaigns Unit 8: Distance Education and Open Learning Systems: Emerging	M.M – 100 Ext. - 70 Int. - 30 Pass - 40%

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Suggested Readings

1. Nivedita Menon, *Seeing Like a Feminist*, Zubaan Books
2. Neera Desai and Maithreyi Krishnaraj, *Women and Society in India*, Ajanta Publications
3. Geraldine Forbes, *Women in Modern India* , Cambridge University Press
4. Uma Chakravarti, *Gendering Caste Through a Feminist Lens*, Stree Publishers
5. Nandita Gandhi and Nandita Shah, *The Issues at Stake: Theory and Practice in the Contemporary Women's Movement in India*, Kali for Women
6. Devaki Jain, *Women, Development and the UN: A Sixty-Year Quest for Equality and Justice*, Indiana University Press
7. Bina Agarwal, *A Field of One's Own: Gender and Land Rights in South Asia*, Cambridge University Press
8. Deepa Narayan, *Chup: Breaking the Silence About India's Women*, Penguin Random House India
9. Vina Mazumdar, *Emergence of Women's Question in India and the Role of Women's Studies*, Centre for Women's Development Studies