



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI – 600 034

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – SOCIOLOGY

FIRST SEMESTER – APRIL 2025

PSO1MC05 – GENDER AND SOCIETY



Date: 03-05-2025

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 09:00 AM - 12:00 PM

SECTION A – K1 (CO1)

Answer ALL the questions

(5 x 1 = 5)

1 Match the following

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| a) | R.W. Connell | - Gender Display |
| b) | First wave of feminism | - Personal is Political |
| c) | Transgression | - Voting Rights |
| d) | Erving Goffman | - Hegemonic Masculinity |
| e) | Second wave of feminism | - Act of Denial |

SECTION A – K2 (CO1)

Answer ALL the questions

(5 x 1 = 5)

2 True or False

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| a) | Sex is a determination made through the application of socially agreed upon biological criteria for classifying persons as females or males. |
| b) | Institutional ethnography is a method of elucidating and examining the relationship between everyday experiences and larger institutional imperatives. |
| c) | Poverty ensures the persistence of petty commodity production, where women are either self-employed or 'unwaged' family workers. |
| d) | Adrienne Rich argues that heterosexuality not only describes sexual desires, practices and orientations but is a "political institution". |
| e) | Complicit masculinity describes men who benefit from hegemonic masculinity but do not enact it. |

SECTION B – K3 (CO2)

Answer any THREE of the following in 400 words each.

(3 x 10 = 30)

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| 3 | Discuss the significance of the third wave of feminism. |
| 4 | Demonstrate your understanding of sex and gender using Harold Garfinkel's case study. |
| 5 | Illustrate the construction of masculinity in high school as discussed in the works of C. J. Pascoe. |
| 6 | Explain transgression in the context of sexuality. |
| 7 | Examine the key queer critiques discussed in "Alternating Sexualities" by Paul Boyce and Rohit K. Dasgupta. |

SECTION C – K4 (CO3)

Answer any TWO of the following in 600 words each.

(2 x 12.5 = 25)

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| 8 | Illustrate your understanding of gender display by Goffman |
| 9 | Explain the theoretical orientation of Dorothy Smith. |
| 10 | Infer how power dynamics within the family contribute to the persistence of gender inequality. |
| 11 | Demonstrate your understanding of Compulsive heterosexuality. |

SECTION D – K5 (CO4)

	Answer any ONE of the following in 800 words (1 x 15 = 15)
12	Assess how the process of commodification affects gender roles and economic structures.
13	Evaluate how masculinity is socially constructed among youth in urban Tamil Nadu.

SECTION E – K6 (CO5)

	Answer any ONE of the following in 1000 words (1 x 20 = 20)
14	Discuss how scientific accounts in reproductive biology relies on stereotypes central to the cultural definitions of male and female.
15	Elaborate the features of Black Feminist thought.
