

**B.SC (CBCSS) FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SCIENCE
(Home Science)**

Semester VI

**Choice based Paper (Elective)
HS6B1.5OU - WOMEN STUDIES**

(Theory 36 Hours; Practical 36 Hours= 72 Hours)

Credits – 3 (Theory 2 & Practical 1)

Objectives

- To create awareness among the students about the status of women in India.
- To sensitize the students about the problems /disparities/issues concerning women.
- To make the students acquainted with the laws pertaining to women and the services available to them.
- To motivate students to work for the betterment of women.

Module I (3 hrs)

- Meaning and significance of women's studies. Women's rights.

Module II (4 hrs)

- Demographic profile of women with reference to health, education, employment, socio-economic and political aspects.

Module III (10 hrs)

- Special issues and problems concerning women.

Infanticide, foeticide, dowry, domestic violence, sexual harassment, gender discrimination, child marriage and media projection.

Module IV (8 hrs)

- Women in distress

Problems of single, widowed, divorced women. Unmarried mothers. Problems confronting elderly women

Module V (5 hrs)

- Women and law

Need for legal literacy for women, Laws pertaining to marriage, divorce, dowry, succession and property inheritance, sexual harassment, domestic violence and abortion.

Module VI (6 hrs)

National efforts for women empowerment, National policy on women
 Role of National and State commissions for women.
 Women Empowerment and the Role of Women Self Help Groups.

HS6B1.5OU (P) – WOMEN STUDIES

Credit 1

36 Hours

- Undertake a visit to any one institution that caters to women in distress and prepare a report. (4 hrs)
- Prepare the case history of one SHG (Self Help Group) for women. (8 hrs)
- Discuss in class the life and contributions of empowered Indian women from different walks of life. (4 hrs)
- Discuss in class the problems confronting any one of the following groups.
 - Single women
 - Divorced women
 - Unwed Mothers
 - Elderly Women (5 hrs)
- Organize an educational programme on any one of the following topics.
 - The Indian Girl Child
 - Female foeticide & infanticide
 - Laws pertaining to Women
 - Domestic Violence
 - Sexual harassment (15 hrs).

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Model Question Paper

HS6B1.5OU – WOMEN STUDIES (Elective)

Time: 3 hrs

Max weightage-25

Part A

Objective type questions, weightage 1 for each bunch of 4 questions

I Fill up the following

- ----- is the number of females per 1000 males in the total population.
- MMR is vaccine for preventing-----.
- -----is gender selective or sex selective abortion.
- Marriage of a female younger than -----years is illegal.

II Name the following:-

- The bill according to which 33% of seats in the political field are reserved for women.
- A process of bone loss commonly seen among women that results in pain,disability and increased risk of fractures.
- The nodal agency which leads the states efforts to improve the situation of women and girls.
- Name a sexually transmitted disease that has now become a pandemic.

III State whether True or False.

- India is the country with the highest population after China.
- The number of female children in the 0-6 years category has shown a steady increase as per the last two census reports.
- The National population Policy was drafted with a view to encourage one child norm.

- Medical termination of pregnancy is illegal.

IV Match the following

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|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| • Highest female literacy | Female foeticide | |
| • Antenatal Care | Punjab | |
| • Sex Discrimination test | Maternal Morbidity | |
| • Self Help Groups | Kerala | |
| | Women empowerment | (4 X 1 =4) |

Part B

(Short answer Type)

Answer any 5 questions

- Write a short note on foeticide ?
- What are the measures to protect children against sexual harassment?
- Comment on issues confronting single women?
- State any two objectives of Self Help Groups.
- Give any four suggestions to promote entrepreneurship among women..
- Write a short note on the salient features of “Kudambasree” as SHG.
- List any four factors that lead to domestic violence. (5 X 1=5)

Part C

Short essay type questions, weight 2 each

Answer any 4 each within one page

- Briefly explain any four factors that hinders a woman in rural India from obtaining good education?
- Explain any two problems confronting divorced women?
- State any four objectives of National Commission for Women?
- “Education leads to empowerment” State two points to justify the above statement?
- List any four factors that hinders women from entering the political field.

- State the significance of legal literacy for Women. List two measures to achieve legal literacy.

(4 X 2 =8)

Part D

Essay type questions, weight 4 each.

*Answer any **two** each within **three** pages*

- Comment on the health status of women in India with special reference to Kerala.
- Elaborate on the literacy level of women in India .What are the advantages of increasing the literacy rate?
- Dowry- A boon or bane? Give your views.

(2 x 4 = 8)
