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Shed light on the first wave and third wave of feminism.

Answer

Introduction

"Feminism is against all operations of women in society."

(The New York Times, 1914)

Feminism has an important contribution in significances of gender studies. Moreover, first and third waves also encourages feminism movement. Thus, feminism led to scope of gender studies.

2- First Wave of feminism - the Suffrage Movement

"Right to vote - a political right pushes first wave of feminism."

(- The Suffrage Movement)

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## First wave of feminism

encourages women's political right. In fact they believed political right will help in getting other rights.

Thus, first wave of feminism is an image of political right.

## 3- Third wave of feminism - Transversal politics

"Third wave of feminism emphasizes on pluralism and diversification."

(Post Modern feminism)

Third wave of feminism focused on diversification and pluralism in society. In fact, it clarified that women also varied from culture to culture, and place to place. Therefore, third wave of feminism is a transversal politics.

# 4- Origin of first wave of feminism

'First wave of feminism rooted in the 18th and 19th century in the Netherlands and France.'

First wave of feminism began in the Netherlands and in France in 19th century. Further, it also got familiarity in the United Kingdom and in the United States. Therefore first wave of feminism initiated in the West.

1874 → the Netherlands / France

1890 → the UK

1910 → the USA

• Origin of first wave of feminism

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## Origin of the third wave of feminism

Third wave of feminism was introduced in the USA and in Europe. Firstly, it was named as 'riot girl' in the USA and in the Europe as 'New Feminism'; thus, third wave of feminism also rooted in the west.

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## Contribution in the first wave of feminism

"1969 - the National Suffrage Association of Women - began for right to vote."

(Seneca Falls Convention, 1969)

The feminists in the USA started struggle in the 'West' for political right - right to vote.

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## Contribution in the third wave of feminism

"There must not be gender, wealth, religious discrimination across the globe."

(- Niri Xudal, *Nation and Gender*, 1997)

Niri Xudal emphasizes women movement for rights and to secure women's right globally. Thus, third wave of feminism focused on women empowerment.

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## Key features of first wave of feminism

First wave of feminism wanted equality to provide rights to women.

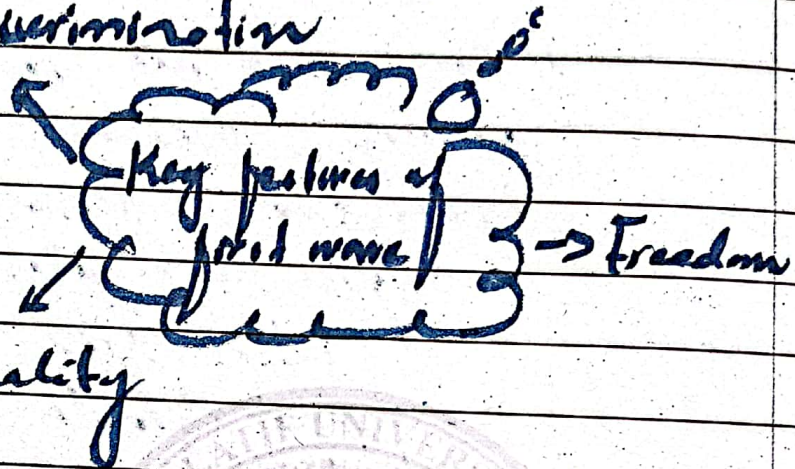
"No discrimination but freedom and equality were demanded."

(- Mary Wollstone)

first wave of feminism

desired equality and freedom.

No discrimination



Equality

9- Key features of third wave of feminism

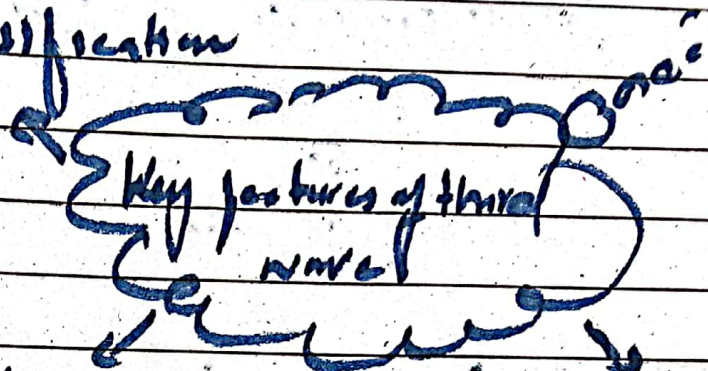
Third wave of feminism demanded pluralism and diversification. Moreover, third wave of feminism also desired universalisation.

"Universalisation is a mandate of third wave of feminism."

(= Modern Feminism)

Therefore, third wave of feminism demanded universalisation.

Universification



Pluralism

diversification

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Achievements of first wave of feminism

First wave of feminism secured right to vote in Australia, USA, and in New Zealand. Moreover, right to property and education are also achievements of first wave of feminism.

"Right to vote was introduced first in New Zealand in 1893."

(Right to vote, 1893)

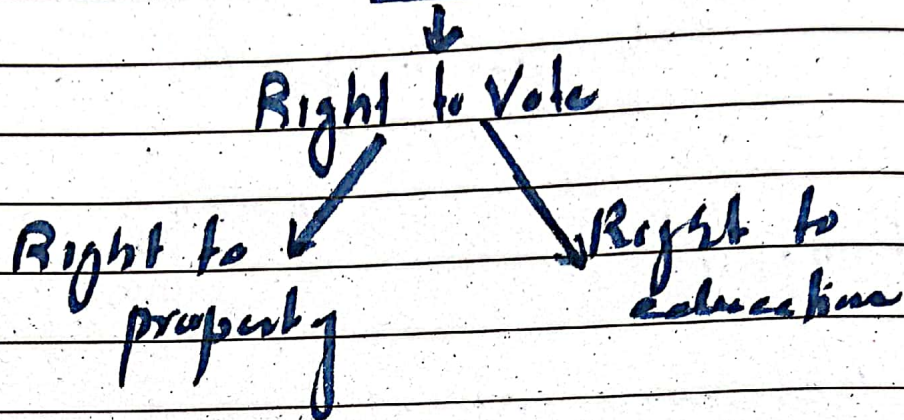
Moreover,

Right to vote

1902 → bill passed in Australia

1920 → 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment in USA

## Achievements of first wave



## 11- Achievements of third wave of feminism

Achievements of third wave are also significant. Third wave of feminism granted several bills right to women.

"Equal pay bill was passed by the USA in 1993."

(- third wave of feminism)

Moreover,

"Right to participate in politics and how women get elected in the US Senate."

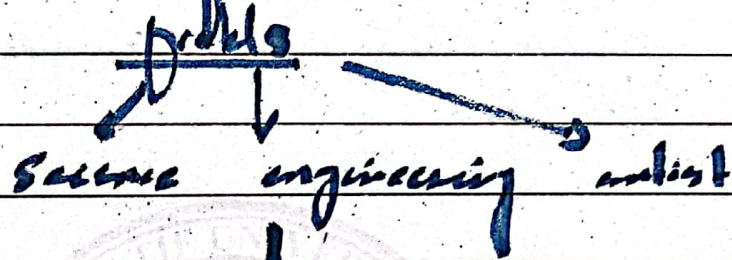
(- 1992)



Further description is as below:

### Achievements of third wave

i) Diversification in other



ii) Universification

iii) Payment Bill 1993

iv) Political Right 1992

v) Protection Bill 1994

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### Conclusion

"Feminism is a term

of equality."

(Alisha Jaffer)

First wave and third wave of feminism played an

important role in feminism  
movement. Both waves  
helped in achievement of  
several aims and rights.  
Therefore, first wave and  
third wave has significant  
importance in gender  
studies.