

Q Define gender. Also discuss difference between gender studies and women studies.

Answer: Introduction

"One is not born to become woman, one is born to become one."

(- Simone de Beauvoir)

Gender is an inclusive term. It does not only refers to woman, but it also refers to all types of sex. Moreover, gender studies is not alike women studies. Therefore, both are separate identities.

2- Definition of gender

"Man's equality respects women's equality."

(- Jeremias)

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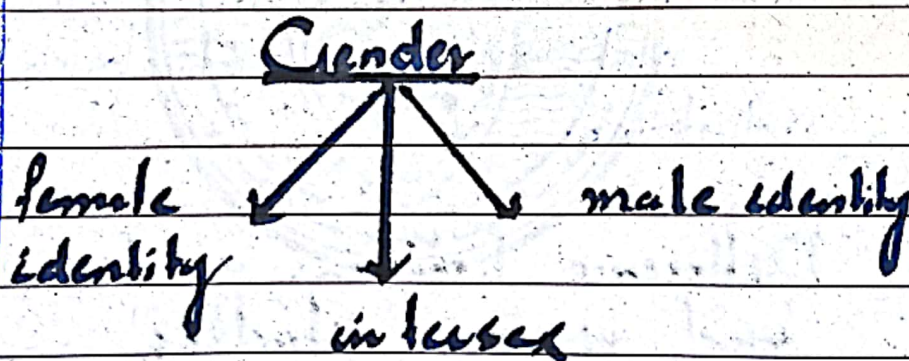
4- Day

Gender as an inclusive term. In fact, it describes male, female, and third sex, too.

"Gender is an inclusive term including men, women, and intersex."

(-Oxford dictionary)

Therefore, gender refers to equality among all above three identities.



3- Origin of gender

"Gender is become a off shot after global perspective on women and gender"

(-Jeremaiish)

According to anthropology the word gender refers as below:

"Gender especially refers to biological identities that comes in the world and attributes masculinity and femininity in society."

(-Anthropological view)

Therefore, gender has a historical perspective and it refers to all biological identities.

4- Difference between gender and woman studies

Following is a main difference between gender and women studies

a) Meaning of gender studies

"Gender studies specifies

equality and justice between male, female, and intersex.

"Gender studies is not a woman study, but study of male equality female."

(- Simone de Beauvoir)

• Meaning of women studies

However, women studies focus on every respect, equality, and justice to woman in society.

b) Origin of women studies

Origin of women studies comes from the feminist theory. The feminism work led to the foundation of women studies.

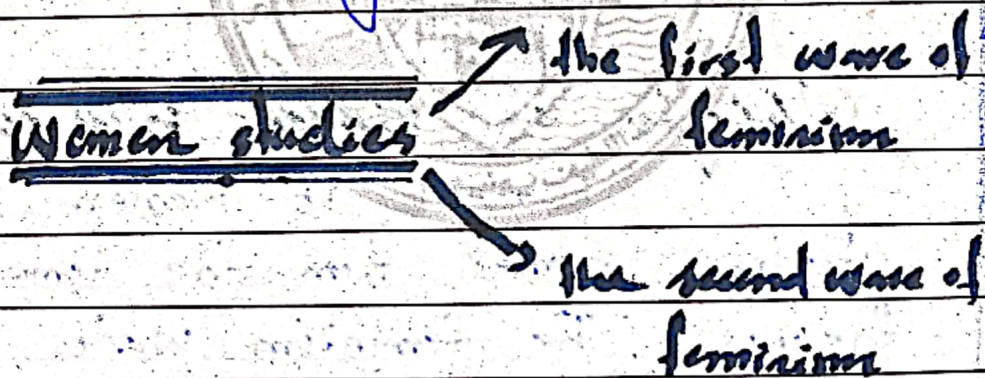
"feminist work is the root of women's rights, one must be a feminist to get rights of women."

(- Kate Millet)

• Origin of gender studies
 While origin of gender studies comes from women studies and the same as from the work of feminism

c) Waves of feminism related to women studies

Women studies relates to the first and the second waves of feminism. In fact, women studies is promoted by the initially first two waves.



• Waves of feminism related to gender studies

Moreover, gender studies is related to the third wave of feminism. Thus, gender studies is concerned with the third wave.

d)

Focus of Women studies

Focus of Woman

studies is only a woman.

In fact, woman studies is not concerning the problems of all living identities. Hence, focus of woman studies is only a woman.

"Women studies has replaced the concept of woman as 'ghetto'."
(- Woman studies)

• Focus of gender studies

However, gender studies is not only concerned with the problems of women studies but also respects to male and intersex problems. Therefore, gender studies is more inclusive.

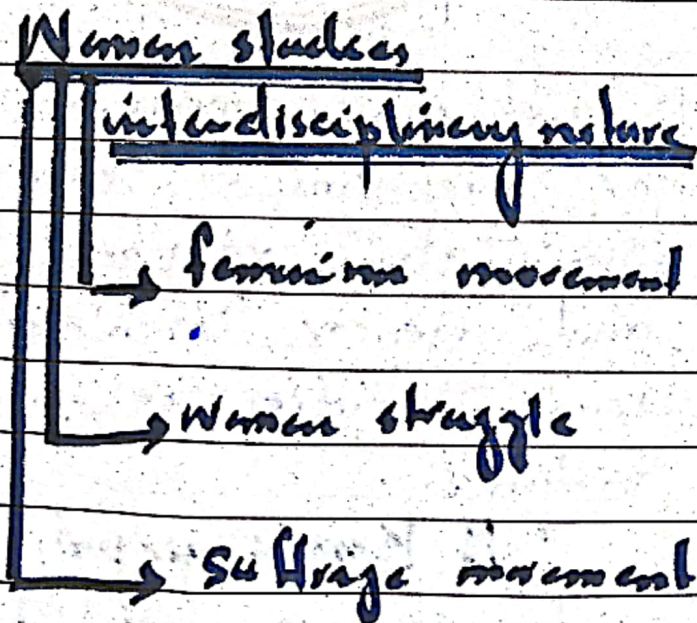
"At Kerala airport, two transgenders were stopped from travelling to Dubai, namely Shrish

and Shehzadi, hence
related the human
rights."

(- Transgender rights, 2023)

e) Nature of women studies

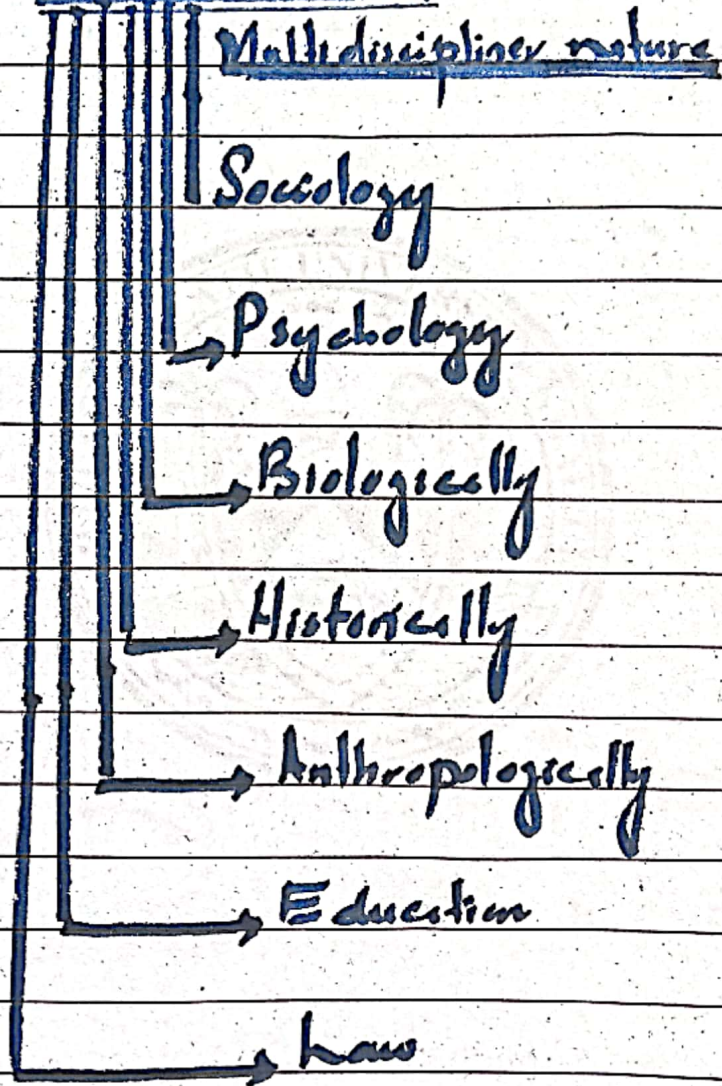
Women studies is
a branch that originated from
feminism movement, suffrage
movement, and from women
struggle. Therefore, women
studies is an interdisciplinary
nature.



• Nature of gender studies
Moreover, gender studies

is multidisciplinary in nature. A chart below shows multidisciplinary nature of gender studies:
i.e.

Gender studies



f)

Study of nature of women studies

Women studies is diverse in nature. In fact,

Women studies varies from culture to culture, color to color, and race to race. Thus Women studies is diverse in nature.

"Women studies is diverse in nature as it varies from ethnic, racism, sexism, classism."

(-Marry Wollstonecraft)

Thus, Women studies is diverse in nature.

- Study of nature of gender studies.

"Gender is not a biological construct, but gender is a social construct."

(-Kate Millet)

Gender studies is not related to biological concern of one. In fact, gender studies

'is a social contract' and
it relates to the every aspect
of society.

5. Conclusion

"If women is not
powerful,
if women would not
be influential,
the men had not got
so much time to put
them down."

(-Jessie Valentine)

Women studies is not alike
as gender studies. In fact, difference
exist between two. However,
women studies is also a
offshoot of gender studies, despite
gender studies and women
studies are different.