



Q Write in detail feminist movements in Pakistan and its impacts.

Answer 1- Introduction

"Men's equality respect women's equality."

(-Jerdmaish)

Feminist movements began in Pakistan since its inception. In fact, feminist movements led foundation of several institutions for women rights. Moreover, several laws were passed for protection of women rights. Therefore, feminist movements gave access to women rights.

2- What does 'feminism' refers to?

"Feminism is the name of equality between male and female."

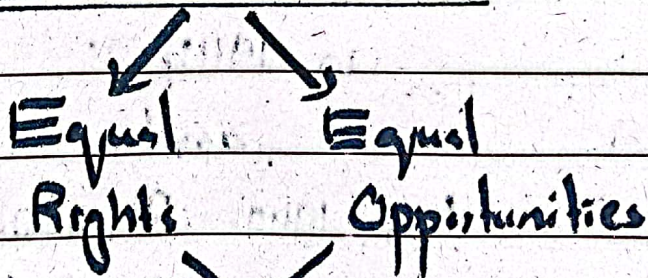
OR

"Feminism advocates equal rights and equal opportunities to male and female."

Feminism refers to equality of rights and opportunities between male and female. In fact, feminist movements demanded equal social, political, and economically opportunities. Hence, feminism advocated equality between male and female rights.

Feminism

↳ Feminist Movements



Socially  
Politically  
Economically



### 3- Feminist Movements in Pakistan and impacts

Following are feminist movements and impacts:

#### a) Feminist Movement: the 1940's era

During 1940s, feminist movements were activists. In fact, Fatima Jinnah, Ransheguit Ali Khan, and Sheikh Iqbalullah played a key role.

"Women Relief Committee (WRC) was founded by Fatima Jinnah in 1947."

-and-

"In 1949, Ransheguit Ali founded 'All Pakistan Women Association (APWA) form'."

1947	WRC - Fatima Jinnah
1947	APWA - Roshidaqut Ali
1949	Shahida Iqbal - first female of constitutional Assembly

b) Right Guaranteed: 1950's era

Moreover, women's rights were guaranteed legally. In 1950, women got access to their rights.

"Commission on Marriage and Family Law" was made to secure

women's rights."

Hence, women's rights were secured legally.

c) The 1960's era: Ayub era

In Ayub era, women also got access to their rights.

legally. The act was passed to secure women's rights.

" In 1961, Muslim Family Law Ordinance was passed to protect women's rights."

• MFLCO-1961

Right to marriage

Right to divorce

Children custody

Therefore, improvements in women's rights were observed.

d) 1970's era: Setback to Women rights and feminist activism

" Zia promoted patriarchal mindset and suspended fundamental rights of 1973."



During Zia's regime, setback to women's rights was provided. In fact, he promoted 'Hudood Ordinances' and banned women's sport participation.

"Zia provided concept of 'burqa' and banned women's participation in sports."

Consequently, feminist movements were activated against Zia's regime."

In 1981, WAF met at Lahore - "Shirkat Goh" and supported 'Dussehra Jalsa Movement'.

Moreover, Fehmida Riaz presented her poetry as the activism of feminists.

حصوں میں اس سناہ چادر کا کیا کروں  
 یہ آپ بگو کہ تیوں جھٹتے ہیں سب عنایت  
 نہ سوگ میں تیوں کہ اس کہ اور طعوں  
 عم و عالم خلق کو دکھاؤں ---  
 (- چادر اور چادر دیواری)

Hence, feminist movement got activism in Zia's regime, too.

e) Benazir era - betterment of Women rights

"Benazir Bhutto was the first Muslim world leader."

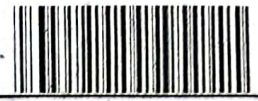
Benazir Bhutto worked for women's rights in her tenures.

"In 1989, The Center of Women Excellence (CWE) was formed under ministry of women."

Therefore, she supported women's rights in education.

f) Musharraf Regime - the repealment of 'Hudood Ordinance'.

Musharraf ~~Shib~~ revised 'Hudood Ordinance' and replaced it by 'Protection of Women Rights' Act.



" In 2006, Women Protection Act was passed that repealed "Huelvel Ordinance".

Therefore, Women's rights were revived in Musharraf Regime.

g) Zardari era: the protection of Women rights

• Taliban attack on Melola  
Yousuf Zai - revived education  
demand for women."

In Zardari era, laws were passed to secure women rights.

'Anti-acid attack'

and

'protection of women at work places act was passed.'

Hence, women's rights got improvement with the passage of time.

4. Conclusion

"If women would not be



powerful,  
If women would not be  
influential,  
men would not get much  
time to put them  
down."

(- Jessie Valentine)

Feminist movements began since  
creation of Pakistan. In fact, feminist  
movements demanded equal rights,  
opportunities and safety. Therefore,  
women's rights were protected legally.

