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Q.02 How do you differentiate the disciplines of Gender studies from that of Women Studies? Historically trace the need for the establishment of gender studies as a distinct discipline and its scope and significance with special reference to Pakistan?

1. Introduction:

2. Differentiate the discipline of Gender studies from that of Woman studies:

o Discipline of Gender studies:

i. Gender studies as a Multi-disciplinary field.

ii. Issues of all genders are addressed by gender studies.

iii. Role of gender studies in overcoming social differences.

o Discipline of Women Studies:

i. Women studies as an inter-disciplinary field.

ii. Issues of Women only addressed by women studies.

iii. Commitment of freedom from Patriarchial

norms through Women studies.

3. Need for Establishment of Gender Studies:

- i. To understand the gender and gender role in Society.
- ii. Issues of genders are addressed with the help of gender studies.
- iii. To raise the status of Women in Society through Gender studies.
- iv. To understand the dynamic nature of social Construct.
- v. To break the stereotypes through gender studies.

4. Scope of Gender Studies:

- i. Gender studies tries to explore social diversity of women.
- ii. Relation of gender studies with other disciplines.
- iii. Gender studies allows the mainstreaming of women in Politics, economy & Society.
- iv. Gender studies as a source of Career diversity.
- v. Helpful in sustainable gender development.

5. Significance of Gender Studies with special reference to Pakistan:

- i. National Commission on status of Women.
- ii. National Plan of Action, 1998
- iii. Women Studies Centres in Pakistan
- iv. Establishment of Professional Association for Women.
- v. Gender studies provided the right of employment and representation of women in Pakistan.

6. Conclusion