

Q Write a detailed note of feminism or 'feminist' theory.

Answer - Introduction

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

(- Simone de Beauvoir)

Feminism is the foundation of gender studies with respect to equality among all sex identities. Before feminism, women were oppressed. But, now gender studies has made equality and justice possible through feminism movement.

2- What does 'feminism' refer?

"Men's equality respect women's equality"

(- J. J. T. J. J. J.)

- 1- Intro
- 2- Femin
- 3- Befor
- 4- Orig
- 5- Defi
- 6- Princi
- 7- Movem



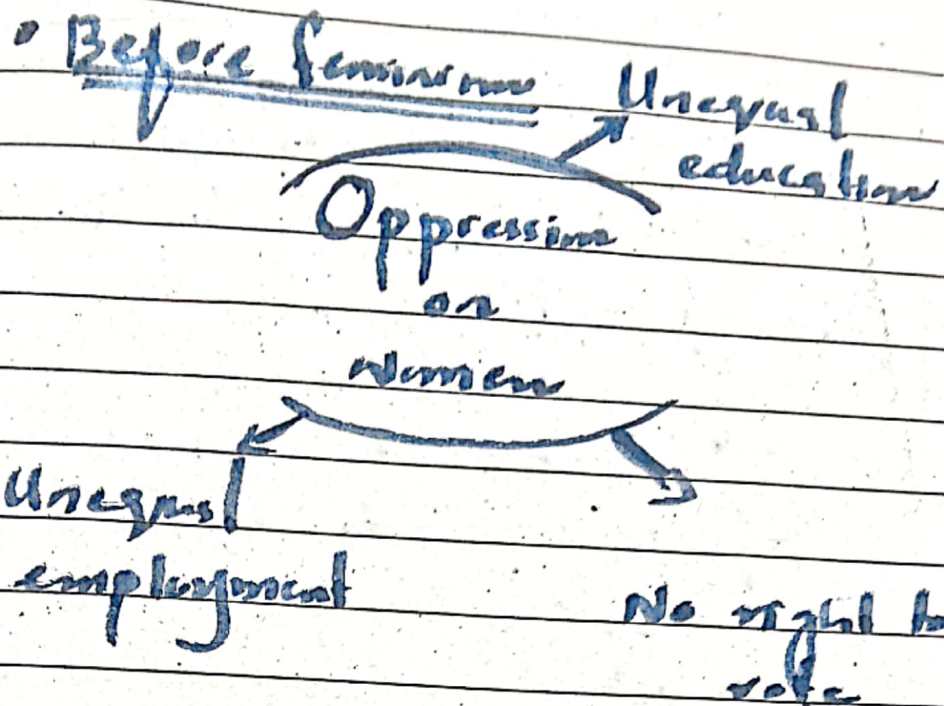
Feminism refers to the equal rights to women as were given to men. Before it women were oppressed. But, feminism made women's rights possible in society. Thus, feminism promotes women's rights in the context of gender.

3- An overview before feminism  
 "Women were not paid or less paid before feminism."

(- Mary Wollstonecraft)

Before feminism, women were oppressed by patriarchal society. These oppressions were in the form of unequal education, unequal employment, no right to vote etc. Therefore, women were severely oppressed before feminism.

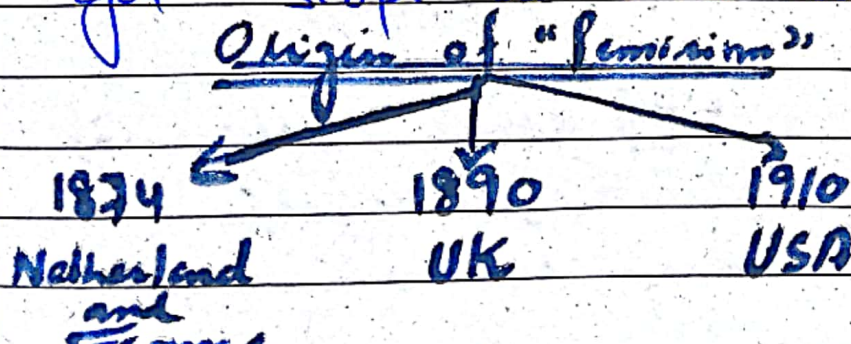




#### 4- Origin of 'feminism'

The word 'feminism' was first time introduced in the Netherlands and in France, in 1874. Further 'feminism' was also introduced in the Britain, in 1890.

Not only this, feminism grew more and more and in 1910, the United States gave scope to the word feminism. Therefore, feminism got scope in the world.





## 5- Definition of 'feminism'

According to the  
New York Times, 1914

"Rejection or removal  
of all kinds of  
oppression against  
humans and  
women led to  
feminism."

(- to the New York Times, 1914)

Thus, feminism is all about  
rejection of oppression against  
women.

## 6- Purpose of feminism

- coined by Jane Flex  
Feminism got a  
huge scope within a  
short time. According to  
Jessica Valentine,

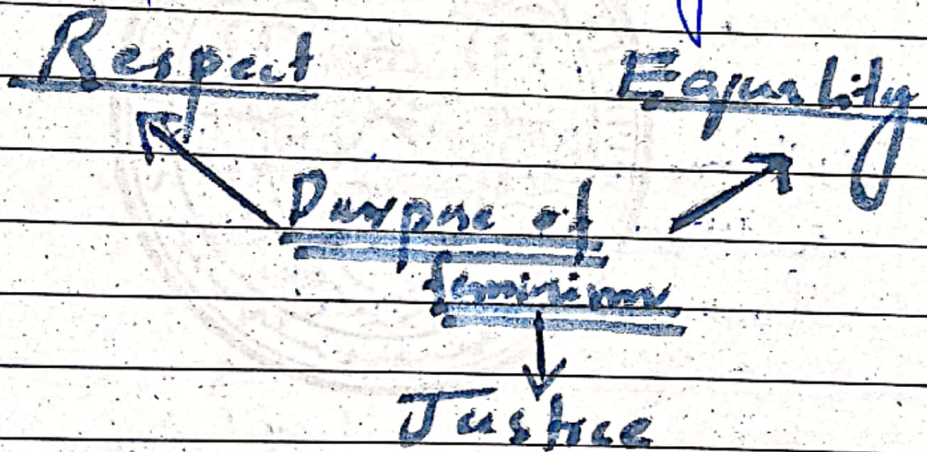
"If women were not  
powerful;



if women were not influential;  
the men would not  
get so much time  
to get them  
down."

(- Jessica Valentine)

Thus, purpose of feminism  
was to get equality and  
respect in society.



7- Proponents of feminism  
Following are  
proponents of feminism:

a) Mary Wollstonecraft  
Mary Wollstonecraft  
Contributed in feminism.



Mary Wollstone believed in equality of men and women.

"Women must be liberal, so that women get their rights."

(- Mary Wollstonecraft)

b) Kate Millet

Along with Mary Wollstonecraft, Kate Millet in 1970s contributed in feminism movement.

"Women is sex partner to men, but women deserve equality in all forms of development."

(- Kate Millet, 1970)

c) Alison Jagger

Moreover, Alison Jagger



also contributed in feminism theory. Alison Jaggar put a step forward to political rights.

“Women must strive for their political rights - right to vote in order to pursue other rights.”

(-Alison Jaggar)

• Proponents of 'feminism'

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Mary Wollstonecraft

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Kate Millet

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Alison Jaggar

8- An overview of feminism's movements

Following chart represents the 'feminism' movement.



## Six 'feminism' movements

- 1) Liberal feminism
- 2) Radical feminism
- 3) Marxist feminism
- 4) Psychoanalytic feminism
- 5) Post modern feminism
- 6) Men's feminism

Feminism promote each one of a separate feminism from liberal feminism to men's feminism.

## 9. Conclusion

"Gender respects equal to all sex identities."

( - Psychological view )



Feminism led foundation of equality, justice, and respect to all genders. In fact, gender studies got importance from 'feminism' movement. Therefore, 'feminism' movement became a strong pillar of gender studies.