

Q. Outline and explain the three major waves of feminist movements in the West. Discuss the influences of these waves on feminist movements in Pakistan.

Answer

Introduction

'Feminists/Movements demanded equality between men and women.'

(- Jeremash)

Feminist movement began in the West in order to get equal rights. In fact, this impacted also feminist movement in Pakistan, too. Therefore, feminist movements had global influence.

2. What is feminism?

'Feminism is all about equality, equal rights and equal opportunities'

(- The New York Times, 1914)

Feminism is about equality  
In fact, women were oppressed  
by society. Hence, feminism led  
to equality between men  
and women.

3- Feminist Movements in the West:  
Demand for rights

Following are three  
major feminist movements:

a) The first wave of feminism:  
The Suffrage Movement: (1848-1920)

"Feminists demanded  
political right in order  
to get other  
rights."

(- Jermaine)

Feminists demanded for  
political right - (right to vote) in  
the first wave of feminism.  
In fact, it was a political  
movement that was regarded

as base of all rights.

"Right to vote" - is  
a demand of  
political participation  
(- Belinsky)

Therefore, the first wave  
demanded political right.

b) The second wave: Personal is  
political - (1920-1980).

"Personal is not personal,  
but personal is  
become political."  
(- Martha Harv, 1968)

The second wave began  
after the first wave. In fact,  
feminists realized that 'right  
to vote' did not let  
others rights. Therefore,  
the second wave of feminism  
began.

"Feminists demanded social, cultural, public, and private partnership."

(- Martha Lewis)

Therefore, the second wave was inclusive.

c) The third wave of feminism: the Transversal Politics - (1990 - today)

"Plurality and diversification of women must be accepted."

(- Yuval Davis)

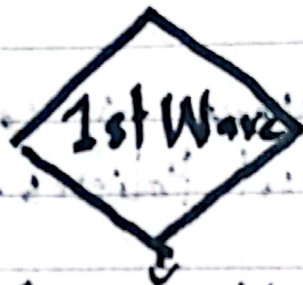
This third wave got broader aspects. In fact, the concept of universalistic feminism was rejected. Therefore, demand for diversification of women in all spheres was encouraged.

"Women vary culture to culture - cultural relativism should be realized."

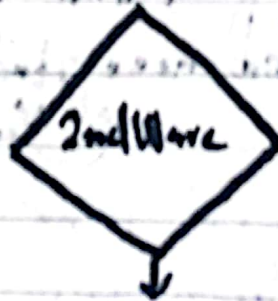
(- Jeromash)

Therefore, the third wave  
promoted diversification of  
women.

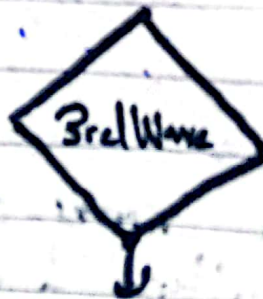
• Feminist Movements in the  
West



The Suffrage Movement



Personal is Political



Transvernal Politics

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## Key Features of waves

Following is tabular representation of features of waves:

### → The first Wave

Discrimination
Freedom
Equality

### → The second Wave

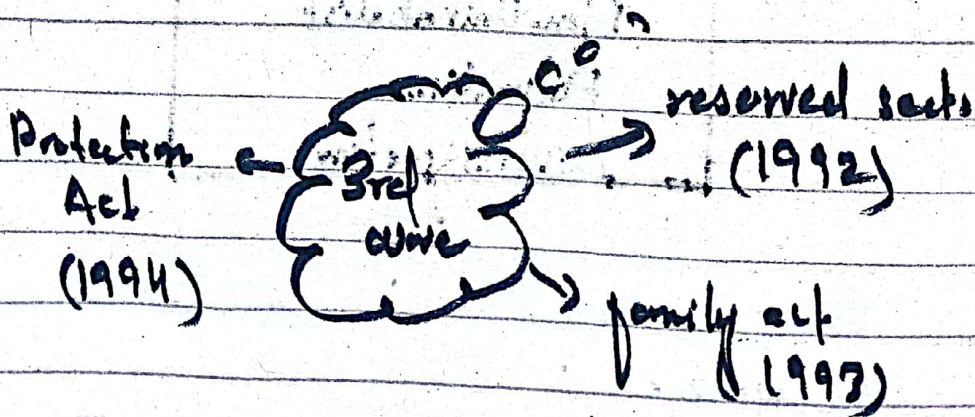
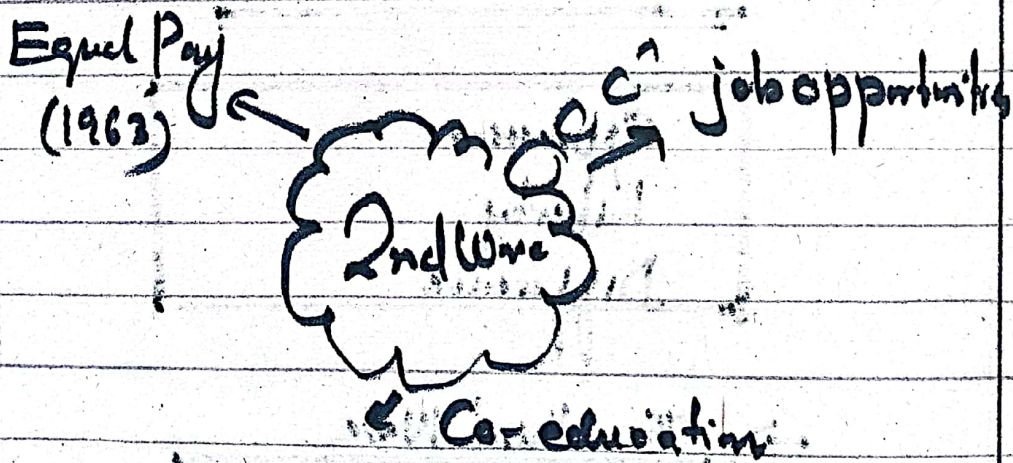
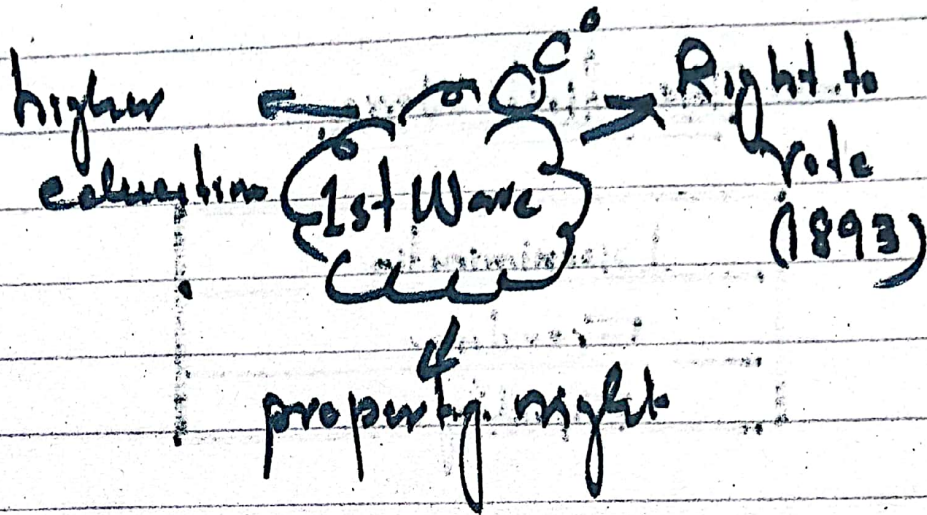
Oppression
Liberty
Difference

### → The third Wave

Non-Universalist
P pluralism
Diversification

Therefore, above were key demands of waves.

5. Achievements of 4th wave  
Following were few  
achievements:



## 6- Influence of movements of West on feminist movements in Pakistan

Following are inputs:

### a) Women Action Forum: Co-ordination of feminists

"In 1949, Raja Liaquat Ali handed sword

During parliament

(- I am feminist -

(Hina Saleem, 2018)

Women got as a unite platform for their issues. In fact, Women forum encouraged rights of women.

"Women got 15pc of NA seats and 5pc of PA seats."

(1973 - constitution)

Therefore, women got political rights by feminist movements.



b) Women Action Forum: "Dupatta  
Jaleo Movement"

Moreover, feminists led  
'Dupatta Jaleo' movement in  
Pakistan against Zia's  
"Hudood Ordinances."

"Zia's Hudood Ordinances  
set back to feminists."  
(Hina Saleem)

Therefore, feminists led movement  
for their rights.

خود پس اس سیاہ چادر کا کیا کروں

یہ آپ میری کو کیوں بخشتے ہیں سب نہایت

ز سونگ میں ہوں کہ اس کو اوڑھوں

غم و عالم فلق کو دکھاؤں ...

(فہمید ریاض)  
چادر اور چادر دیواری

Hence, feminist movements  
got activism.

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## Conclusion

"Feminist movements  
led to  
Women rights."

(- Belovsky, 1986)

Three major waves of feminism in the West improved status of women. In fact, they also influenced feminist movements in Pakistan. Therefore, feminist movements were globally influenced.