

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. Ferri)

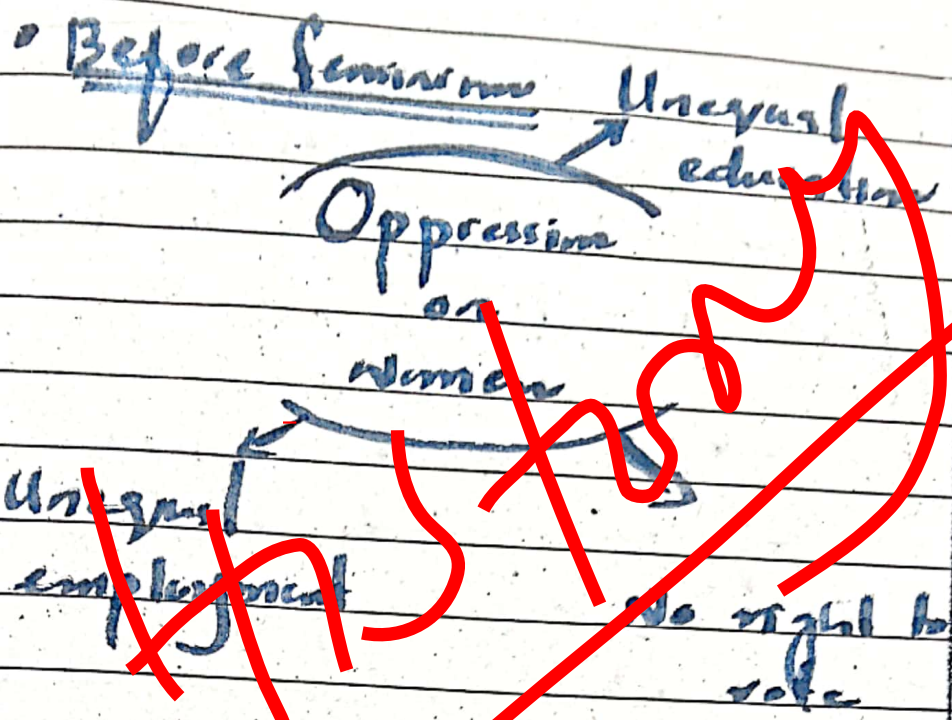
- 1- Intro
- 2- Femin
- 3- Before
- 4- Orig
- 5- Defi
- 6- Princi
- 7- Movem

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."

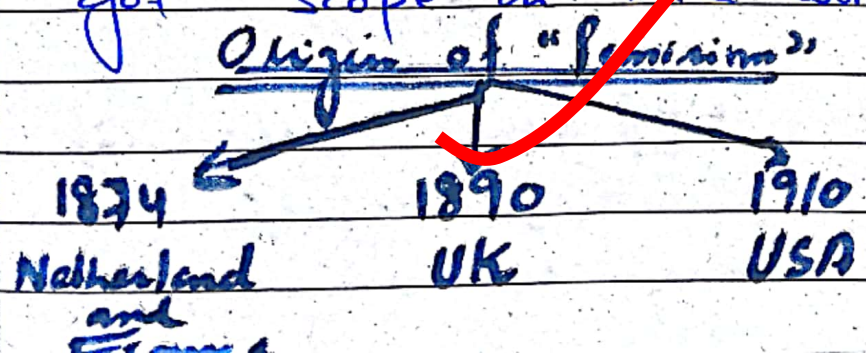
(- Mary Wollstonecraft)

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. There fore, 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

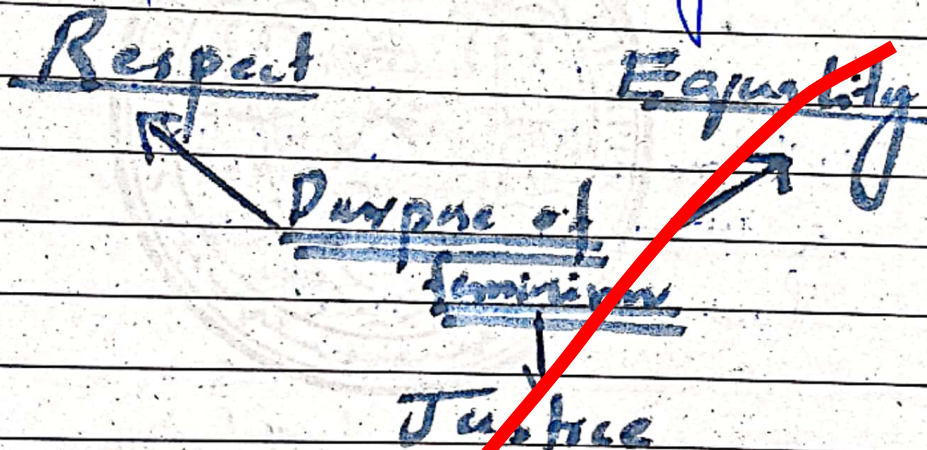
- coined by Jane Flax
Feminism got a
huge scope within a
short time. According to
Jessica Valentine,

"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- PropONENT of feminism
Following are
propONENTS of feminism:

a) Marry wollstone craft
Marry Wollstone craft
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) Psychodynamic feminism
- 5) Post modern feminism
- 6) Men's feminism

Feminism promote each era 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.

You need to write bit more about feminist waves and movement

In such type of question add feminist movement waves and proponents as well

Add impact of feminist theory in women lives as analysis