

## Gender Studies Assignment:

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Q1: What types of feminism can evaluate the social, cultural, economic and political status of women in Pakistan?

Ans:- INTRODUCTION:-

In Pakistan, various types of feminism can be applied to evaluate the social, economic, political and cultural status of women. Here are a few prominent feminist perspectives that can be used:

### 1- Liberal Feminism:

Liberalism is a political and economic doctrine that emphasizes individual autonomy, equality of opportunity, and the protection of individual rights. Pakistani society has received a strong impact of such inequality yet some paradoxical situations exist.

On the other hand, women consider that they are being rejected and not treated equally whereas other groups of researchers reject this notion. Despite this oscillating situation, liberal feminism appears to hold a very significant socio-political impact on Pakistani society (Faseeha Saif, Dr Ahmed Raza, 2022).

### 2- Intersectional Feminism:

Since March 2019, local NGOs in Pakistan are organizing "Aurat March" (Women March) in month of March to rise voice against indigenous feminist issues.



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and violence against women. To study underlying meaning of much debated slogans of Aurat March in Pakistan, discourse analysis is employed which also facilitated to indicate emerging dimension socio-religious debates and opinions towards feminism in Pakistan (Marqhoob Tarar, Adil Shafiq, Rana Hamza Asif, Agasha Zahid, 2020). Pakistani women in an intersectional event to raise their voices collectively against oppression and subjugation within the private and public spheres (Syeda Mujeeba Batool, Aisha Anees, 2021).

### 3- Marxist Feminism:

Analyzes the social, economic, and political structures that perpetuate gender inequality. It focuses on the intersection of gender and class, highlighting how capitalism and patriarchy mutually reinforce each other to oppress women ("The Dialectic of Sex," Shulamith Firestone and "The Second Sex," Simone de Beauvoir). Marxist centered concept is concept of patriarchy which points that patriarchy is a system of power relations resting on male domination. Among the feminist theories, in which patriarchy is central concept, are classified as Radical Feminist, Marxist Feminist, and Socialist Feminist theory (Abdul Hadi, 2017).



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### 4- Socialist Feminism:

Socialist feminism being rooted in the Socialist tradition, views that Capitalism Strengths patriarchy by Concentrating wealth and power in the hands of a small number of men. The family form created by Capitalism must change if we are to replace "domestic slavery" with some collective means of carrying out housework and child care (Abdul Hadi, 2017).

### 5- Islamic Feminism:

Modern Islamic feminism takes a different approach to women's ~~free do~~ freedom. Instead of advocating fifty-fifty equality between men and women, Islamic feminists call for men to uphold their responsibilities towards women and for women to be educated about their rights. This form of feminism does not call for the eradication of gender roles or the institution of democracy. Instead, Islamic feminism calls for the proper treatment of women within a Muslim society as laid out in the Quran. As expressed by feminist historian Margot Badran, Islamic feminism tries "to open up the Quran



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to anti-patriarchal readings". Instead of blaming Islam for Pakistan's ~~culture~~ extreme Shari'a laws, Islamic feminists blame men and their patriarchal legal traditions for the discrimination women face (Annie Serez, 2017).

## Conclusion:

It is important to note that these feminist perspectives can overlap and intersect, as each perspective provides a unique lens to understand and address the challenges faced by women in Pakistan. By considering these different frameworks, one can develop a comprehensive understanding of the social, economic, political, and cultural status of women in Pakistan.