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What is gender? What do you mean by gender? Explain your opinion.

Ans 1-

Introduction

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

(- Simone de Beauvoir)

Gender is an inclusive phenomenon. In fact, it is more significant in society.

Gender has a very important role in one's life.

Therefore, gender is an interdisciplinary field with multiple scopes.

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What does 'gender' mean?

'Gender', the word means, male, female, transgender.

It does not refer to female only rather it is an inclusive phenomenon that includes the concept of men, women, and transgender in society.

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Origin of 'gender'

Origin of 'gender' can be explained in the following contexts.

a)

According to Oxford dictionary

Gender is the word that possess meaning of masculine, feminine, and neutral.

b)

According to Anthropology

According to anthropology one is biologically born as a male or a female gender. With the passage of time, both possess sexual characteristics that make them men and women.

c)

Historical perspective

According to historical perspective, the global concept of gender varies in different forms of masculinity and femininity.

(- Oliver Jane, transnational - a historical view)

4- Definition of 'Gender'

The word 'gender' refers to biological born identity as a human. Biologically, one is born as a male that attributes features of masculinity and plays a role of a man in society. On the other hand, the attributes of femininity possessing gender plays a role of a woman in society.

(- According to Cambridge Dictionary)

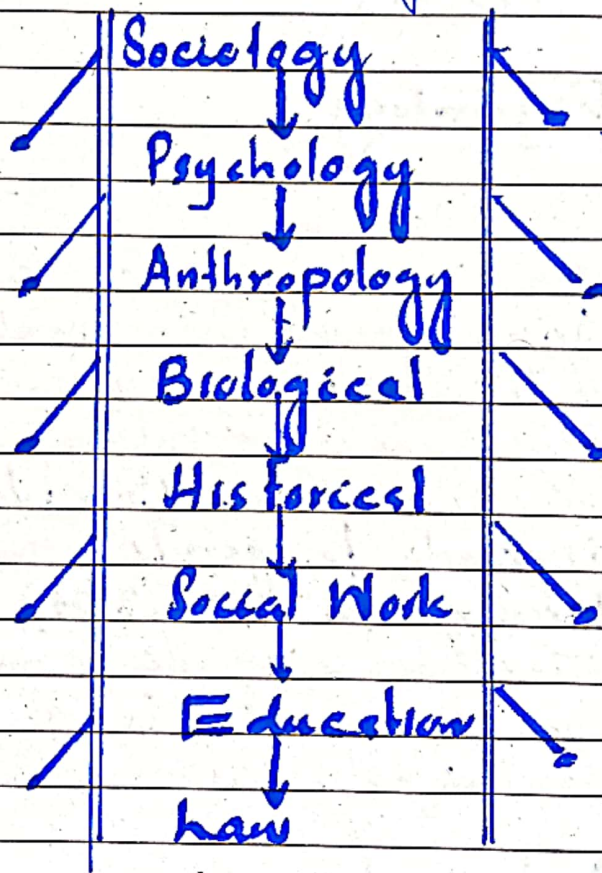
5- What does 'gender' refers to?

'Gender' is a social phenomenon. Biologically born one plays a role of a social animal. In fact, a whole society is the sum of male and female identities that add

meanings to society. Hence, 'Gender' is a social phenomenon.

6- Nature of 'gender'

The chart below shows the nature of 'gender'.



a) Sociology Gender has a very significant role in making society.

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As per statistics of Pakistani society, collective gender effort makes 60% of prosperity and makes importance in sociology. (Gender significance 2023). Therefore, gender is sociological in nature.

b) Psychology

Psychological value of gender is obvious. As per statistics, mentality differs becomes much clear that signifies the gender. (Mental approach to gender, during COVID-19, 2021) Therefore, gender can be defined in a psychological view.

c) Anthropology

The same discussed above. One is biological born and attributes characteristics of a man or a woman.

d)

Biological

Biological 'gender' is totally defined as a 'sex-based' identity. According to biological theory, male possess XY chromosomes and female possess XX chromosomes. (Chromosomes theory, biological view). Hence, 'gender' is biological identity.

e)

Historical

Historically one is born to attain characteristics of masculinity and femininity. (Masculinity and femininity of gender). Hence, 'gender' has also historical perspective.

f)

Social work

'Gender' as a 'social animal' performs social work in society. Every society has its own values to male and female identity. Thus, gender plays as a social role.

g) Education

Education has also made 'gender' concept important. There is no discrimination of any form of 'gender'. (According to feminist theory). Therefore, 'gender' has also educational value.

h) Law

'Gender' in every society has legal value. According to the constitution of Pakistan, "every form of gender is equal before law." (Article 25 of the constitution, 1973). Therefore, 'gender' has legal importance, too.

7 Conclusion

"Male equality respects female equality."

(-Jeremaish)

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To sum up, gender is an inclusive phenomenon and multidisciplinary in nature including sociological, biological, psychological etc value. Therefore, gender is a widely defined concept.