

Q1. Define Gender. Differentiate between women studies and Gender studies.

Answer 1. Introduction

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

(- Simone de Beauvoir)

Gender is an inclusive term that includes all men, women, and queer. In fact, in the today's world the debate on gender studies is more common. Hence, the difference between gender and women studies is more prominent. Thus, gender studies is more inclusive.

2. What does 'gender' mean?

"Men's equality respect"

1- Intro.

2- What
is
gender

3- Origin

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Women's equality."

(-Jeremaislu)

Gender means, men, women, and queer. In fact, gender has more significant value that emphasize the equality and justice between men and women.

3- Origin of Women studies

"Women as 'ghetto'"
(-old philosophy)

Before the origin of women studies, women was oppressed and was considered the less important gender. However, women studies took its root from the second wave of feminism. Moreover, in 1960, women studies was rooted in the United States and

demanding to stop oppression
at domestic place and
work place.

4- Difference between women studies and gender studies

"Women studies is
an interdisciplinary
phenomenon, while gender
studies is a multi-
disciplinary nature."

Basic Comparison

Women studies

Gender studies

i)

Meaning

Women studies
is an inter-
disciplinary
nature that
focus on
women's rights

Gender studies
is a multi-
disciplinary
nature that
focus on equality
of rights
between
men and
women.

ii)

Origin

Women studies originated from the feminist theory and women's struggle.

Gender studies originated from women studies.

OR

Gender studies is an extension of women studies.

iii)

Waves of feminism

Women studies relates to the first and second wave of feminism.

Gender studies relates to the third wave of feminism.

iv)

Focus

Women studies focus on women's issue.

Gender studies is inclusive. Thus, it focus on women and men's issue.

v)

nature

Woman studies is interdisciplinary.

It is further divided into three categories.

- a) feminism
- b) Women's struggle
- c) Suffrage movement

Gender studies is multidisciplinary.

It is further divided as follows:

- a) Sociology
- b) Psychology
- c) Anthropology
- d) Biology
- e) Historically
- f) Social work
- g) Education
- h) Law.

vi

Purpose

Purpose of women studies is women's freedom.

Purpose of gender studies

is masculinity and femininity in the society.

vii)

Nature of Study

Women studies is diverse

Gender studies is

field. It includes racism, ethnicity, class, sexism etc.

not a biological construct, but gender is a social construct.

"Women studies leads to feminism society."

(- Belenky)

"Gender is biological born that attributes social characteristics from society and leads to masculinity and femininity."

(- Anthropology field)

5- Conclusion

"Women not rule over men, but

Women must rule
over themselves. 33

(-Marry Wollstonecraft)

Gender is an inclusive term. Moreover, Gender studies and women studies are two totally different phenomenon. Thus, gender studies is an ^{multi} inter-disciplinary, while women studies is inter-disciplinary field.