



Q Why it is important for women to be equal in society? Give at least five justifications to support your answer derived from Western and Muslim feminists' scholars.

Answer Introduction

"If women were not powerful,

If women were not independent

and
If women were not educated,

It will not take much time to oppress them."

(- Jessie Valentine)

Women need equal social status. It is necessary for equal educational, political, and economic right. Muslim and Western feminists have supported equality in society. Thus



feminists' also encouraged equal status of women in society.

3- A bird's eye view on the social status of women

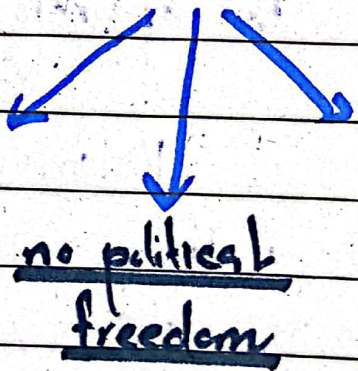
"Women are the most oppressed gender in society."

(The New York Times, 1914)

Women have faced social inequality. Several evidences indicate oppressions against women

Social Inequality

unequal education



unequal employment

no political freedom

Thus, women face social inequality.

3- Importance of women equality in society in the view of Western and Muslim feminists,

Following are need with justifications:

a) Equal educational right

Women face unequal educational right. Unfortunately, women do not have equal education.

“Women should have diversification in education.”

(- Julia)

Besides this,

“Every girl has a right of equal education as a boy.”

(- Malala Younis)

Hence, women need to get equal education.



b) To remove fear of growing harassment in society

Moreover, women need fearless hope in society. Growing harassment has made women oppressed.

"Women are harassed and raped by patriarchal society."

Not only Kate Millet (Kate Millet, 1970) but the case of Mulsharan Mai is a huge evidence:

"Gang rape of Mulsharan Mai was highlighted by Mulsharan's 'silent break'."

(A case study of Mulsharan Mai)

Hence women need equality to remove fear of harassment in society.



c)

Economic equality and freedom

Further, women are oppressed economically. Unfortunately, women are becoming dependent on men.

"Women are always oppressed by dominant role of males and

can be dominant or equal by improving economic status."

(Alison Jaggar)

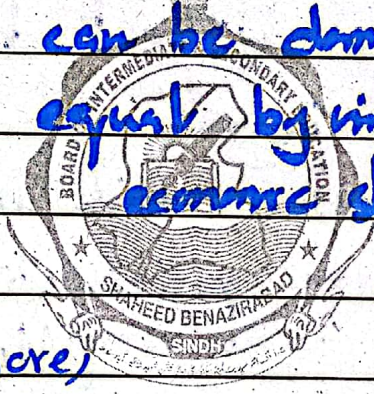
Furthermore,

"Women oppression must be stopped and

women should have freedom to choose labour

at national and global level."

(Rana Hingraj Ali)





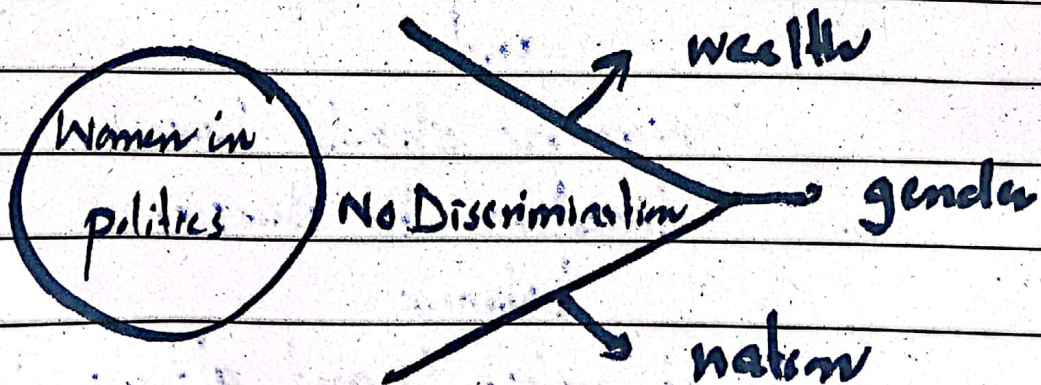
Thus, women need economic freedom in society.

d) Right of political participation

Unfortunately, women are deprived of political participation. Without social equality, there is no political freedom.

"Women need active role without the discrimination of gender, nation, and wealth in politics."

(Yuval Davis,
Gender and Nation, 1997)



Moreover,

"Women should get active political participation without any kind of discrimination."

(Rans Liagat Ali,
Second Round Table Conference)

Thus, women also need to get political participation.

d) To gain the right of self-decision

Women need to gain the right of self-decision. Unfortunately, women are depending on men for decisions.

"Women do not have need to rule over men, but over themselves."

(Marry Wollstonecraft)

Further,

"Women need to decide own goals in the



technological world."

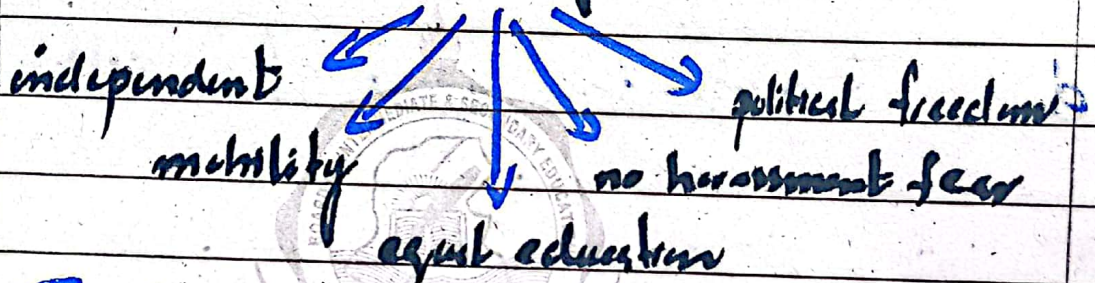
(Zubaida Mustafa)

Gender and Technology

Therefore women need to gain the right of self-decisions.

Importance of women social

equality



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Conclusion

"One is not born to be a woman, but becomes one."

(Simone de Beauvoir)

Women need equal social status. It is necessary for equal educational, political, and economic right. Therefore, equal status of women is supported by Muslim and Western feminists.