

Q. Debate on sex versus gender.

Answer

Introduction

'One is born as sexual  
but develops as  
gender.'

(Simone de Beauvoir)

Sex and gender are not identical terms. In fact, both are entirely different. Debate on sex versus gender can also be clearly defined since an individual takes birth. Therefore, sex and gender are different perspectives.

2- A bird's eye on the past phenomenon of gender perspective

'One is not born  
to be a woman,  
but

to be a woman.

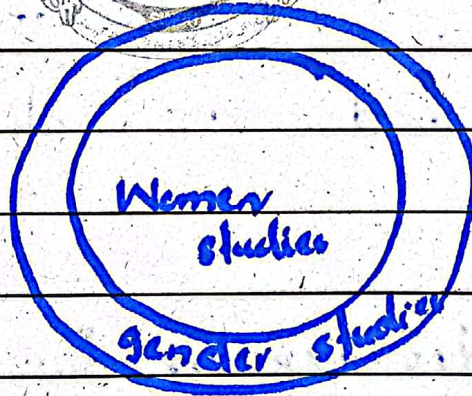
(Simone de Beauvoir)

Gender is not a new form. Since 1960s, there was a huge concept of women studies as an academic discipline. But, later in 1970s, gender studies got significances. Therefore, ideology changed time to time.

Academia

Women studies → 1960s

Gender studies ← 1970s



3- Comparison of debate on sex versus gender

Following are

debate:

### a) Identification versus expectation

Sex and gender have identity and expectations. Both have different views as:

"Sex is an identity of a person, while

gender is expectation of that identity"

(Alison Jaggar)

Thus, sex and gender have identification and expectations.

### b) Biology versus socio-culturally concept

Moreover, sex and gender have biologically and socio-culturally concepts. Both are mismatched as below:

"Sex is a biological identity, while

gender is culturally constructed."

(Jeremash)

Thus, sex and gender have different concepts.

c) Universal versus non-universal approach

Further, sex and gender are universal and non-universal approaches. They are unlike terminologies.

• Sex is universally defined, while gender is non-universal terminology."

(Jeremash)

Hence, sex and gender are universal versus non-universal concepts.

d) Limited and broader scope

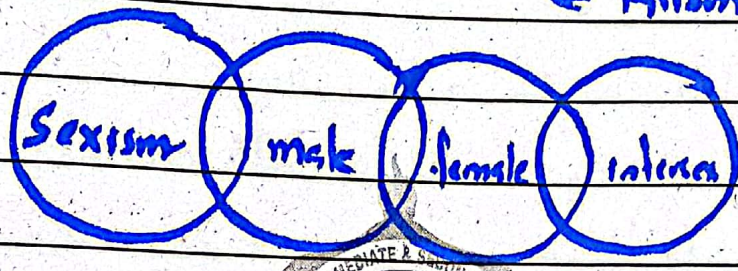
Furthermore, gender and sex have different scope.



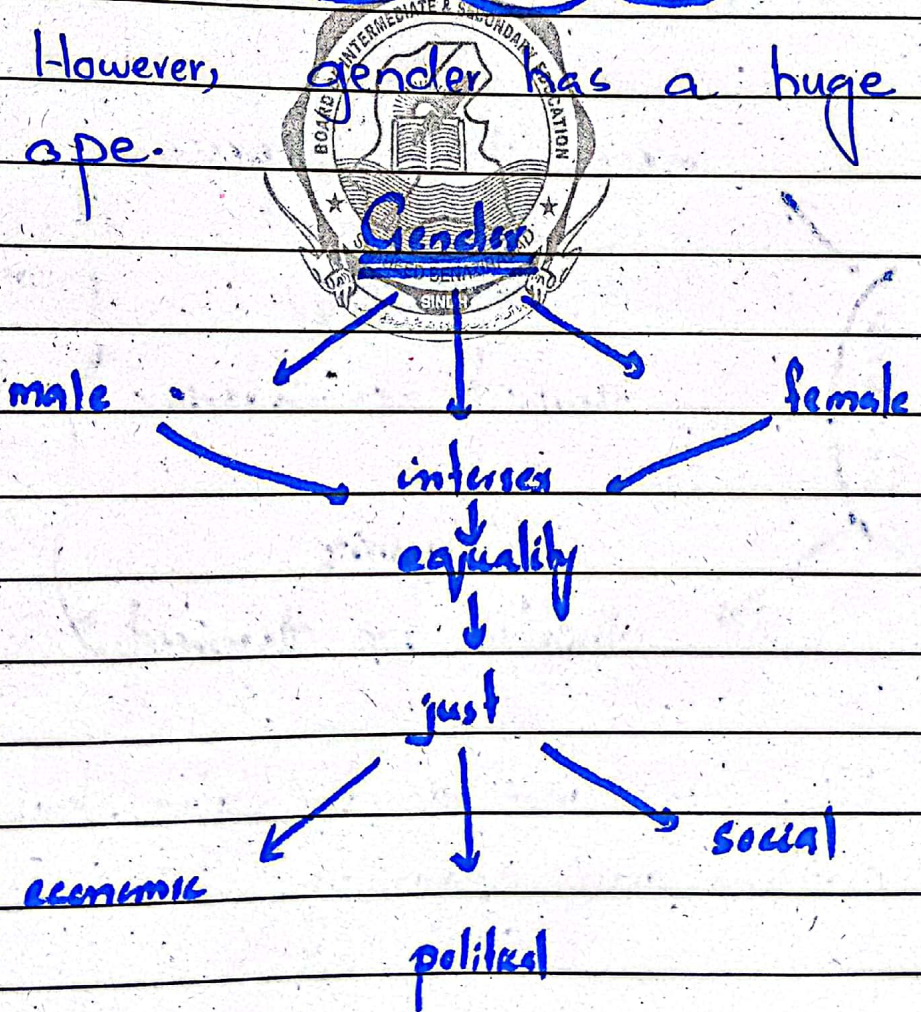
Gender is a wide scope term,  
while sex has narrow scope.

• Sexism assign tasks  
on the basis of male,  
female, thirdsex  
view.

(Alison Jaggar)



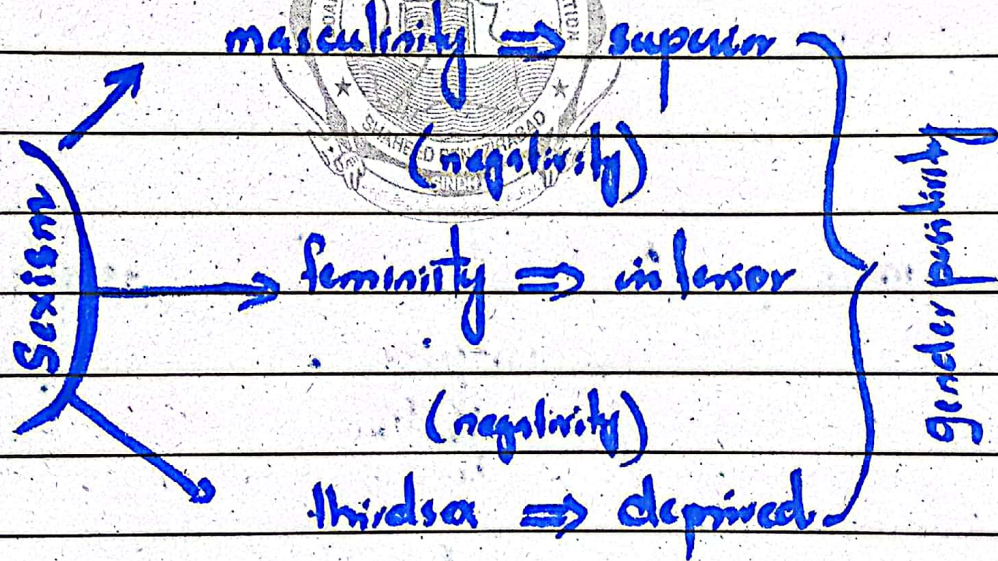
However, gender has a huge scope.



Therefore, gender has a huge scope and sex has a limited scope.

### e) Positivity versus negativity in identity

Moreover, gender and sex have positivity and negativity regarding identity. Masculinity is regarded as superiority.

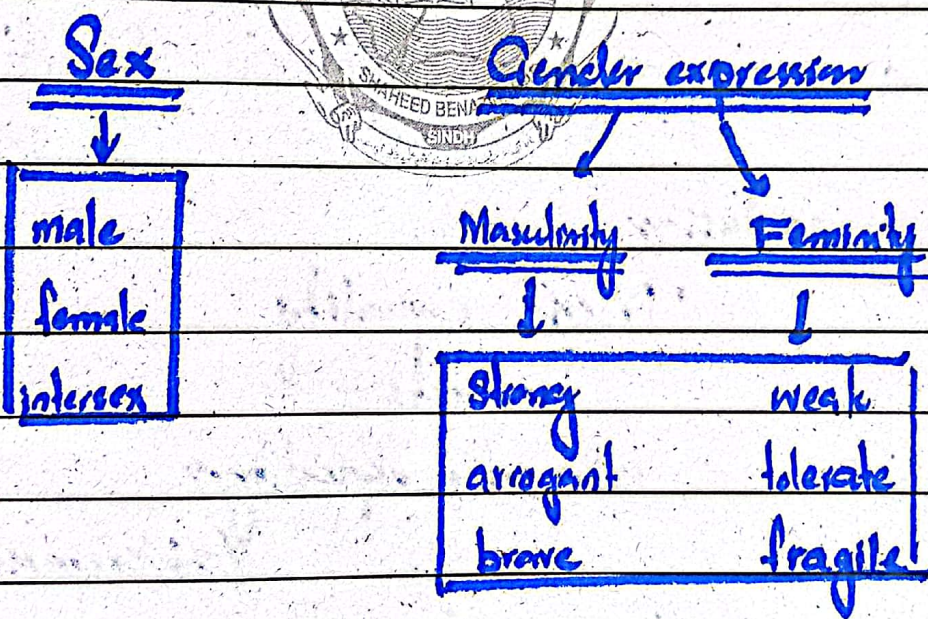


Thus, sex and gender also have positivity and negativity.

# f) Nature versus nurture in identities

Sex and gender are entirely different. They are naturally, as well as, culturally constructed.

"Sex is nature, while gender is nurture"  
(Helene Cixous)

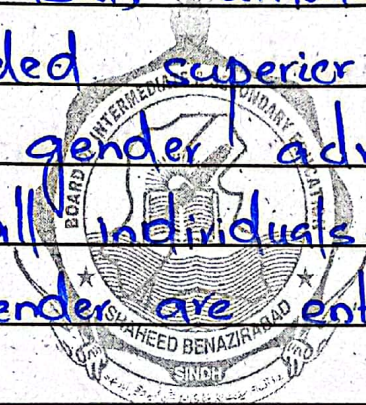


Therefore, sex and gender are nurture versus nature terms.

#### 4- Critical Analysis

"Man is born naturally,  
but  
cultural expectations  
begin since its  
identity."

Sex and gender are different. But, unfortunately, sex is regarded superior to gender. However, gender advocates equality among all individuals. Therefore, sex and gender are entirely different.



#### 5- Conclusion

"Men's equality  
respects  
women's equality."

(Jeremash)

Sex and gender are entirely different terms. As they are not identical, debate is



very clear in each term. Therefore,  
sex versus gender can be debat-  
ed successfully.