

Provide an outline and explanation of the three major waves of feminist movements in the West. In your opinion what type of feminism could elevate socio-economic status of women in Pakistan:

### Introduction:

The feminist movement arose in the West to provide the fundamental rights to the women. Each movement arose in its specific time to compete the challenges of the society. Such type of feminist movements were the result of time to arise the issues faced by the women due to the gender discrimination and inequality. The second and third wave of feminism could elevate socio-economic status of women in Pakistan. As the 2nd wave of feminism talks about the educational and economic rights of the women and the third wave of feminism highlights the grievances of different women depending upon their experiences.

## First Wave of feminism:

Mary Wollstonecraft's book arose the awareness of inequality between genders:

Mary Wollstonecraft's book "Vindication of the Rights of Women" in 1792 arose the awareness of the inequality prevailing in the society and the right of women to give vote.

## The Seneca Fall of Convention:

In 1848, first time the sentiments of the women regarding their discrimination, gender inequality and treated as the 2nd citizen arose - the Seneca Fall of Convention gave birth to the first wave of feminism.

## Demands of first wave feminism:

The first wave feminism was restricted to the women of US and UK.

The demands of the first wave feminism were

- to grant full citizenship
- to women just like the

men.

To the end to treat them like  
the second rate citizen.

Women demanded legal and  
Political equality.

Suffrage movement to give  
them right to vote

Organizations that boost first were  
National Women's Suffrage Association.

National Women's Suffrage  
Association was established in  
1869 and its purpose was  
to fight for the right  
of women to vote.  
It was assumed that  
to get the right to vote  
will solve all the problems.

Women's Social and Political  
Union:

In UK, J.S Mill proposed  
in the House of Commons  
to give the women the  
right to vote. but the

conventional mind of  
people of house of commons  
rejected it. J.S. Mill  
was defeated

In 1903, Women's Social and  
Political Union was established  
and began to fight for  
the women's right to vote.

Criticism??

The - three features of - first Wave of - feminism:

- The - three Key features of - first Wave of - feminism were
- to end - the discrimination,
  - to focus on restrictions.
  - to emancipate, which means
  - to get - freedom - from discrimination.
  - to achieve - the status of equality.

End of first Wave - feminism:-

The - first Wave of - feminism ended with - the grant of political rights - to women - first of all New Zealand granted - the right to vote - to women in 1893 - UK granted - the right in 1918 and with - the grant of right of vote - to women in US in 1920, - the - first Wave of - feminism came to an end -

2nd Wave of - feminism:-

Need of 2nd Wave of - feminism:

As, the 1st Wave of - feminism focused - to give - the women

-The right to vote or in simple words, the focus was to provide the women the political power, but the political equality was not able to bring the educational equality, so the 2nd wave of feminism originated. Women got the jobs after the 1st wave of feminism but only restricted jobs or cultural assigned jobs. The women get no choice of subjects to study. Only limited subjects were restricted to the women. So the 2nd wave of feminism was much needed.

### Two main Groups in 2nd Wave of feminism:

- i) Liberal Approach.
- ii) Radical Approach.

#### Liberal Approach:-

The liberal approach of the 2nd wave of feminism focus on the revival of the demands of the first wave. Liberal approach focus to have the social, economic and

Incomplete answer??