

Past Paper³ Question

Shed a light on first and Third Wave of feminism

Feminism:-

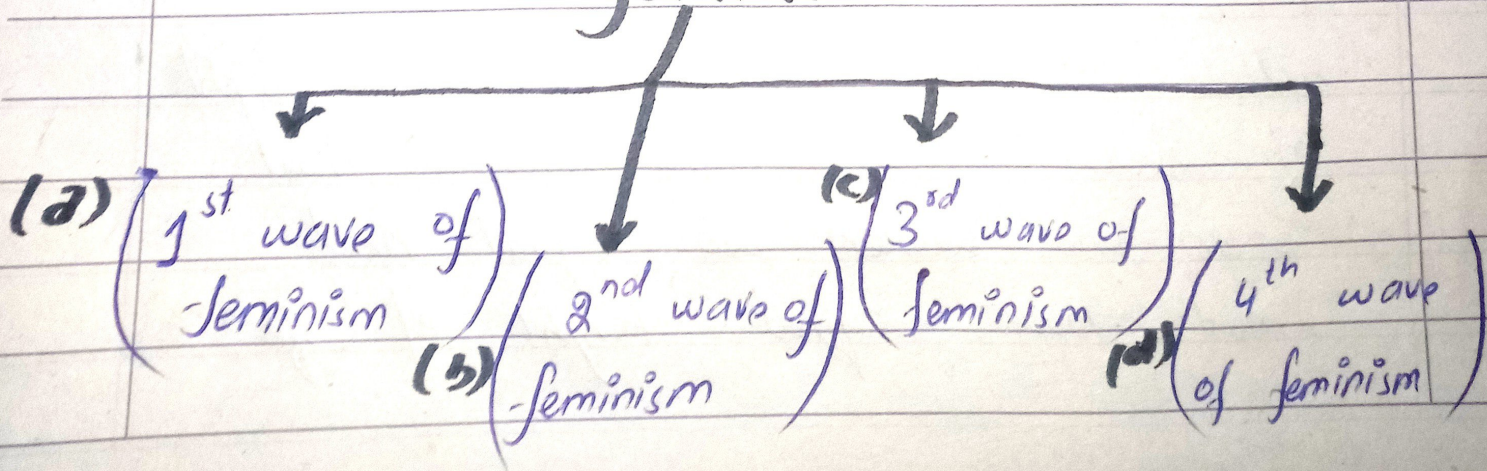
Word "feminism" was derived from the word "femina" means "the women"

The word feminism was coined by "Charles Fourier" "1837"

But feminism was first used in "1890" where there was discussion about women right.

Feminism did not represent the term women only but it represent the Equality.

Waves of feminism



First Wave of Feminism

(1848 - 1920)

Background:-

- Before the first wave of feminism. The women were considered weak. It was thought that the women always needed to be protected & guided by the man.
- During 1848 Seneca fall Convention. About 200 - 300 people (including men and women) first time discuss women's issue in this Convention. It was the beginning era when the women issues were highlighted.
- But actually 1st wave started during French Revolution. when the freedom of women and Liberalization was discussed. 1792 - Mary Wollstonecraft wrote an article "A Vindication of the Rights of Women" where she discussed that men and women are equal. And must have equal Right of Life.

Introduction:-

Oliva bond in his book: "Becoming a femonist" discuss the social origin of first wave feminism. first wave of feminism was about the Legal Right and Right to property.

Objective.

- (a) Right of Suffrage or Right to
- (b) vote for the women.
- (c) Right of Education, marriage etc.
- (d) Right to property Like common Citizen

Key feature of first Wave of feminism

- (a) Discrimination: 1st key feature of this wave to abolish discrimination among male and female on the bases of their Gender. There must be equal Right for men and women
- (b) Freedom: Freedom is the only option to remove the discrimination or freedom is the solution of women's issue
- (c) Equality: Equality between men and women in all aspect of

of Life.

Contributors of First Wave of feminism

(a) Mary Wellstone Craft:-

Mary Wellstonecraft write a book "A vindication of Right of women" in (1792). In this book she talk about women. She said men and women are equal in intellect. therefore, both both must have equal Right in politics and other field.

(b) Susan De Anthony:- "1898" she gave a speech on "An incident of illegal voting". Where she discussed that the group of women attacked on polling station and caste illegal voting. Police arrested those women one of them was Susan de Anthony. After arrest she delivered this speech.

(c) Virginia Woolf:- She write "A Room of one's own", in this Book she discussed bisexuality of women.

(d) Simen De Beavoir: She wrote a Book "Second Sex". In this book she criticised the concept of otherness for the women.

Leading Activist

The leading Activist who was leading this wave of feminism were Susan de Anthony, Simon-Beaurd, Virginia woolf, etc.

feminist Organization & Movement

- 1848 - Seneca fall Convention (where first time women's issues were discussed)
- 1869 - National women Suffrage Association was established in USA for political Rights of women.
- In UK - John Sturt mill gave a proposal to the lower house of Common but defeated. In 1903 - Women Social and Political Association was established in UK for women Right.

Achievements

- 1893 - Newzealand gave Right of Suffrage (Right to vote) to the women.
- In 1920 - in 19th Constitution - amendment USA gave Right to Vote to women

- 1918 - Britain passed "The Representation of people Act" - in this act UK gave the right to vote to the women.
- Women / married women property Right Act was passed in 1870.
- Right of Education was also gave to the women.

Criticism

- it Confined the middle class women.
- it Just ~~take~~ talk about Legal Right of women (Right to vote and property Right).
- Limited influence.

Conclusion

Feminist Rise voice for their Right, fight for it and get their Legal Right. it was a door step for Second and third wave of feminism. it was a foundation stone for gender equality. women have achieved Legal Rights due to first wave of feminism.

Third Wave of feminism

(1990 - 2010 or till Now)

Background - During 2nd wave of feminism, the feminist rise voice for women against oppression they face.

Due to this Kanpur incident happen where a women beat the man in front of public. and said But no one come front because of the concept of feminist or feminism.

women was taking another meaning of feminism so the third wave was initiated to Redefining what feminism is actually.

Introduction

Second wave of feminism place all women in same group and said all women feel same grievance. But actually it is not.

women was oppressed not because of gender but because of colour, race, ethnicity, Some people define feminism as "feminism of young generation"

Key factors

→ Rejection of universal Category of women

3rd wave of feminism reject the concept of Sisterhood and give the concept that women belongs to different Nationality cultures.

→ **Inter-Section:-** Oppression of women is not only on the basis of gender but on the basis of Color, Race, Culture, nationality etc.

→ **Cultural Relativism:-**

Every culture have own practice and procedures. Single culture can not determine the plight of other women of other culture.

→ **Plurality and Diversity:-**

Being different is not abnormality.

3rd wave of feminism demand to

Accept the LGBT (Lesbian, gay, Bisexual and Transgender). Queer also must be accept.

→ **Transversal Politics:-**

Nira Yuval-Davis write a book "Gender and Notion" (1997). Here she discussed about Transversal politics. There must be possibilities of dialogue between women of different Religion, nationality and Caste.

Feminist :-

→ **Rebecca Walker:** She write a book "To be Real". Here she discussed about women issue. on the basis of race, culture etc.

→ **Judith Butler:-** She write a Book "Gender trouble and body that matter". in this book she demand to accept transgender and Queer and LGBT group.

Major Achievement

→ **Rise of LGBT:-** LGBT publically demand their acceptance. They demand do not consider themselves others.

→ No Sisterhood But Women Solidarity :-

Not a single culture determine the plight of the women of other culture. in order to determine this plight

One have to experience the Other Culture.

→ No Compromise identity of other :-

Every women have own identity. No compromise on the identity of a women will be compromised on behalf of other.

→ Diversification of feminism

feminism became more diversified. Black feminism, post modern feminism added.

Legal Rights:-

- Some Legal Right also achieved
- 1992 - 4 women Senate appointed in US Senate.
 - 1993 - Family and medical leave act was passed
 - 1994 - Marital Rape - declared illegal and violence against women Act passed.
 - 1992 - fourth world Conference on women in UN was organised.

Criticism:-

Third wave of feminism gave Rise to LGBT group. So many extremist was against it.

Conclusion:-

Third wave of feminism was the Reaction or the Continous form of second wave of feminism. it give Right to women about their "Reproductive Right". Give Right to women According to the demand to their culture etc.