

Q. Define and discuss the discipline of gender studies and also differentiate between women and gender studies.

1. Introduction:

Gender studies is an interdisciplinary subject / discipline that ~~works~~ along with various other disciplines, such as sociology, psychology, ~~both~~ biology, tends to study the perspectives of gender. On the other hand, women studies which is offshoot of radical feminism, discusses the status of women and their role in society. Both disciplines involve various differences regarding their subject matter, approach and association with theories of feminism.

2. What is Gender Studies?

Gender studies is a field of study that tends to discuss status of genders, their role in the society, their relationship with each other and what influence they have on the society. It involves the role

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of different disciplines and their participation in determining the effects on ^{all} genders.

It works in collaboration with biology,

psychology, epistemology and other disciplines to determine the role of genders.

It also aims to discuss the socio-political and economic aspects of society with respect to genders.

3. Differences Between Women Studies and Gender Studies

There are various parameters which distinguish women studies and gender studies from each other.

1. Difference on the basis of Subject Matter:

Women Studies

The ~~major~~ Women studies aims to discuss the status of women and their role in society in collaboration with various disciplines.

Gender Studies

Gender studies aims to discuss the role of all genders in collaboration to various disciplines.

2. Difference on the basis of scope of study:

Women Studies

The scope of ~~gawo~~ women studies is limited. It deals with the issues, with ~~various~~ all status and role of women, without taking into account any other gender.

Gender Studies

Gender studies has a vast scope. It deals with ~~various~~ all status and role of genders, queer studies, sexuality. It encompasses all areas of study for all genders.

3. Association with types of feminism:

Women Studies

Women studies is considered as the offshoot of ~~radical~~ ~~of feminism~~ radical feminism. It states the women's autonomy and insulating women's role in development and every other sector: education, health, economy etc.

Gender Studies

Gender studies is based on the association with liberal feminism. It tends to support equality in all spheres of life. It works on the principle of equal distribution of resources, opportunities for all genders in the society.

4. Difference vic-a-vic theories of

Development:

Women Studies

Women studies aims to work on WID approach. Women in Development which calls for opportunities given to women in development, their inclusivity in policies, development sphere.

~~SE~~ Gender studies

Gender studies work on the framework of WAD; Women And Development. It tends to secure the position of women along with men, having equal opportunities in the development sphere.

5. Association with waves of feminism

Women Studies

Women studies is associated with second wave of feminism which demands equality in different spheres i.e. education, health, socioeconomic and political domains.

Gender Studies

Gender studies is associated with third wave of feminism which is concerned with mainstreaming women in developmental processes in the socio-economic levels.

4. Conclusion :

Gender Studies and Women Studies are two separate disciplines in terms of subject matter, scope of study, association with theories, and approaches and types of feminism. Gender studies, however, is more vast and widely studied in the present world.

