

Topic:

Women Empowerment - a myth  
or reality

⇒ Outline :

A. Introduction :

a) Hook / Attention grabber

b) General statements

c) Thesis Statement: Despite the fact, every constitution is a pioneer of multiple rights regarding women empowerment like educational liberty, active political participation, financial independence etc, many on ground realities such as challenged women education, societal norms and values, interdependency of women due to patriarchal culture are always hindering in enforcing women empowerment on ground.

B. Pointers which indicate women empowerment

is a reality (Anti-thesis) :

1) Educational liberty is a socio-legal right of every woman.

a) Constitution protects the educational liberty of a woman.

b) Islam encourages woman's educational rights

c) Society plays a pivotal role in educational development of a woman.

2) Women are actively participating in political affairs of a country

a) Every woman has right to vote

b) Women possess reserved seats in parliament of a country

c) Pakistan has witnessed two females as head of federal and provincial governments.

3) Women are financially independent in every society

a) Every woman can pursue any job according to her taste and temperament.

- b) Women have right to do any type of business
- c) Women are not dependent on anyone anymore

4) Multiple career opportunities are paving the way regarding women empowerment

- a) Nursing plays a pivotal role in women development
- b) Teaching is a popular career option for a woman.
- c) Journalism contributes the most in capacity building of women.

5) Freedom of expression <sup>and movement</sup> is a mandatory right of every woman.

- a) A woman can question religio-political and socio-cultural practices of a country
- b) Women have right to move from one place to the other

6) Every woman can choose her life partner at any point of her life

a) A woman has right to marry another person in case of death of her husband

b) She also has choice to remain single throughout her life

C. Rebuttal to the pointers which indicate women empowerment is a reality (Thesis):

1) Educational liberty of women on ground does not exist

a) Most of the girls are having a challenged formal education

b) Almost half of the female population of Pakistan is illiterate

c) Literacy rate in KPK and Balochistan is even worse i.e 37% and 36% respectively.

2) Societal norms and values are always hindering in active political participation of women

a) A complex interplay of social and cultural factors have kept est 3.5million women out of voter rolls in Pakistan

b) Although, women have reserved seats in Parliament, parliament membership of a traditional, rural and middle class female is merely a dream

c) Elite and middle class women are poles apart to each other, only 4% of ruling class have privileged to be head of government

3) Patriarchal culture discourages the financial independent of women

a) Only 29% females of Pakistan own a bank account

b) Women are discouraged to pursue jobs, makes them dependent on males

4) Women always have to struggle for not being exploited in different careers

a) Lady doctors and female nurses are facing rape attempts in hospitals

b) A famous model was killed by her brother for not leaving modelling in Pakistan

c) Women ~~do~~ not have equal career opportunities in male dominance society

5) A woman is manipulated in society on using her right of freedom of expression

a) Women are not allowed to wear certain outfits in contrast to the culture of a country.

b) A female journalist is manipulated verbally in 'Jalsa' by a head of provincial government in Islamabad.

c) We live in a society where character assassination of women is a cup of tea

6) Multiple domestic violence cases are being reported regarding female marriages

a) Forced marriages is still a <sup>tribal</sup> culture in different provinces of Pakistan.

b) A widow has no right to re-marry in our society

c) Ritual of 'Sati' is still a tradition in Hinduism

D. Conclusion :