Define the term masculinity and feminity. In your opinion where do traditional gender roles come from?

Exordium

Masculanity and feminity are the two leading ideas of gender roles in society. The concept of gender roles come from social, cultrel and economic settings of a system. Gender refers to when the biological category of male and female become social category of man and woman by adopting social standards of masculanity and feminity. Many feminist thearists suggest that gender and gender roles is a social constrution. However, masculanity and feminity are the ideal standards which one must adopt to become men and woman.

1) Definition of Masculanity

Masculanity is a collection of traits which society associates as a standard to recognize whether a

person is male or not. These traits have no link with one's biological identity. Whereas, their genitalia must decide to gave set of traits of masculanity and feminity. There is no doubt that masculanity varies from society to society. The general masculine traits includes, aggressive behavior, domination, rational, rude brave, wise etc.

2) **Description of Feminity**

Feminity is a set of traits which a female must confirms to become a women. The deviation from these traits can lead to chaos in her life. There is no standard system of these feminist traits rather society created and imposed on every new born. Feminist traits include, submissiveness, irrational, weak, dependent, confirmist and selfless.

3) **Clash of Feminity and masculanity**

The clash between masculanity and

feminity started with emergence of 'feminism'. Many scholars highlighter them as social construction of gender. They presented difference between 'sex' and 'gender'. The former is 'nature' and latter is 'social constructed'. Robert J. Stoler in 'Sex and Gender; The Development of Masculinity and feminity', discusses the construction of masculinity and feminity.

4) **Traditional gender roles**

Traditional gender roles mainly come from family, society, community and in general from environment. These gender roles are incorporated in child from birth and them make them rigid with time. These gender roles are not fixed, in one society the traits associated with feminity in negative terms can be a source of appreciation in some

other society. So, these gender roles vary from society to society as explained by Oliver Jeans in "Gender history and in transnational perspective." use specific and relevant headings.

a- **Simone de Beauvior's views:**

Simone de Beauvior participated for identifying social contruction of gender roles. She presented a great work to highlight that males and females is a social construct and the roles given them are also constructes by society. In her work, 'The second sex', she emphasizes 'One is not born rather become a women'.

b- **Role of Family in gender construction**

Family is the first institution which impregnate the minds with specific gender roles. The difference in toys for children. Out in moder time, the gender revelation event, they use blue for 'boy'

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and pink for 'girl'. The girls are forced to play with 'kitchen sets' or 'dolls' to give a nurturing trait. In contrast, boys are given 'guns', 'cars' or other 'tool toys'. The distinction started from homes.

c- **Role of community**

Community is the second institution which teaches the difference and gender roles. They welcome a boy when he play outside but restricted girls to at homes. Even in present time, when world is a global village, little girls can not play outside freely. The community incorporate boundaries as well as appreciation like in western countries. But Pakistani community is still lacking behind.

d- **Check by society on gender roles**

The gender roles are so rigid and leave no vaccume for under standing plight. Society

keeps a check on fulfillment of gender roles. For instance, a girl got killed by her cousion just because she goes outside and earn for living. She was the sole bread-winner of her family. The gender role belongs to females as to be stay at home and if they deviate, they suffer.

e- **Concept of 'mother'**

Females are linkes to natural ability of being mother but society give them the social role that they must conceive either they have like or not. The society constructes the minds of male members to consider female as a sole purpose of giving n birth. Recently, a man in Supreme Court called her wife as she is not 'female' because she can not conceive. The judge fined him and rejected the very notion but it shoved how 'mothering'

is connected with females.

6- **Role of Literature** in marganalization

Literature engraved these ideas and gender roles by showing ideal females. Virgil in Oriord showed how a hero chose a girl who is silent and rejected the one who demands her rights. Charlotte Perkins Gillman in her short story, 'A Yellow Wallpaper' highlight a female suffering from post-partum depression but her husband pays no attention. Such works are shifting the gender roles like protagonist freed women behind the bars, means she freed herself. These texts depicted the woman can question her role.

g- **Role of media** as trend setters

Media is also used as a tool to strength society's given gender roles. The use of pretty female in all advertisements

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showed that sole purpose of female is to please man.

Conclusion

Masculanity is a set of traits associate to males and feminity is collection of traits associated to females. These are the best tools to establish gender roles in society. More-over, there are multiple other ways which are actually tools to insurge gender roles in minds of people.