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Ans a) IS 'SEX' ALSO A SOCIAL CONSTRUCT:

## INTRODUCTION:

The debates has been going so far on this that whether a sex a social construct or not. The definition of sex does not fall in social construct. Sex is the **biological** and **physical** characteristics that defines male and female. Although, social construct is about **ideas** that defines masculinity and femininity of any individual. So, sex is not a social construct. it is a natural existence of an individual.

## CONCEPT OF 'SEX' AND SOCIAL CONSTRUCT:

**SEX:** Any biological and physiological characteristics that define male and female.



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**SOCIAL CONSTRUCT:** Social construct is a social mechanism or phenomenon, category created and developed by society. Social construct is about ideas or perspectives which are socially constructed through cultural or social norms.

## SEX A SOCIAL CONSTRUCT:

If sex is a social construct then why any body cares or why whole society cares when any one want to change his or her biological constitution or 'sex'. In society when one want to change sex her or she must undergo multiple surgeries which is painful but if sex is a social construct then why should any body to undergo surgeries, but they have to because sex is not a social construct, it is related to our genetic composition.

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## HORMONES' ROLE IN SEX:

In early stage of fetus development, it undergoes two times hormonal washing. First time, its genital organs form as a result of first washing. In second washing, brain undergoes major changes which causes major difference in man and women's brain.

add and highlight references/examples against these arguments.

## TRANSITION OF SEX:

Many man and woman who are not satisfied with her or his sex because of many reasons, may be from childhood they are more exposed to opposite gender's environment and now they loved that gender and want to adopt it. If sex is a social construct then they just need to wear opposite genders' clothes and start to act like them.



but it is not possible to adopt another because both sexes have different psychological and emotional responses to events. For transition they must undergo hormonal changes.

## Reasons why sex is not a social construct:

Emotional responses difference towards events.

hormones plays main role in difference

Sex

It is not an idea or perspective

Physical appearance difference

discuss these in detail as well by giving subheadings.

## CONCLUSION:

Sex is not a social construct, because it is not an idea or perspective but it is a biological and physical characteristics.



Q No. 3

Ans b) RADICAL FEMINISM.

DEFINITION:

Radical Feminists blame male's psychology and patriarchal system for the oppression of women.

Radical notion is a notion to belief that women are people  
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OBJECTIVES OF RADICAL FEMINISM

Radical Feminist believe that man's supremacy and patriarchy which defines gender roles and institutions position are the main reasons for the suppression. Radical objective is that women must realise their worth and should form and work for achieving these objectives.



## Objectives

To eliminate gender discrimination from the world.

To eradicate Patriarchal system

## Recommendations to achieve objectives

Form sister hood bond with other women

Confront women oppressions

Form separatist networks in Public and Private sector.

## SUBTYPES OF RADICAL FEMINISM

### Cultural Feminism:

Cultural feminists believe that cultural norms which male learned from their ~~male~~ childhood is the reason of women's oppression.



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## SEPARATIST FEMINISM:

Separatist feminism did not believe in heterosexuality. They said that male is not supportive by nature and the differences between men and women are unresolvable.

## Modern Radical Feminism's Stance:

Radical feminists are not saying that women and men should be treated as equal but they are saying women should get their right. Equality does not mean physically equality but it is about equality in opportunities.

achievements? major proponents???

## CRITICISM:

- Promoting hate among gender
- Inhuman way.
- Follow Realism theory

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## Q No. 4 Ans. INTRODUCTION:

Masculinity and femininity are considered as social constructs. These are specific traits which defines them. Such as: Tough skinned, Non-emotional, brave, focused these are related to masculinity and traits like: Emotional, weak, kind, fragile these are related to female gender. These are all the result of traditional roles which comes from the thoughts and beliefs that if female is **weak** **structurally** it is subordinate to man.

## MASCULINITY:

Masculinity is about possessing male like traits. It is social constructed, it means that masculinity is not restricted to males only. Female can possess masculine characteristics.



## KEY TRAITS RELATED TO MUSCULINITY:

- 1) **Present**: Man is always present in all tough situations.
- 2) **Focused**: He is focused to his career.
- 3) **Un-emotional**: He does not cry at any situation.
- 4) **Fighter**: He is a fighter and he is brave.
- 5) **Fearless**: He does not have any kind of fear.

## FEMININITY:

Femininity , relates to those characters which one female possesses. In the similar way. It is not restricted to women only. Males can become feminine.



## KEY TRAITS OF FEMININITY:

- 1) **Emotional** : Women is emotional by nature
- 2) **Caring** : Women are considered caring in nature and it is expected from them to be caring
- 3) **Kind** : Women are kind in nature
- 4) **Weak** : They are considered weak and fragile.

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# ORIGIN OF TRADITIONAL GENDER ROLES.

Patriarchy System

Discrimination on the basis of Physical characteristics

Origin of Traditional Gender Roles

No participation of women in Politics

No Realisation in women for their rights.

## Patriarchy:

how patriarchy play role in originating traditional roles first we have to understand what is traditional gender roles. which women are considered to be at home and expected to do home work and family care and males are expected to be a



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earns for family. He is expected to save and control of house. This system is highly supported by patriarchy system.

Patriarchy in which male consider them as superior and care taker of family and he ruled women.

Judith Butler Patriarchy system was in nature of male. He was grown like this.

## Discrimination on the basis of physical characteristics:

Women are biologically different from man but Male considered that difference as weakness of women. He decided that functions which are easy for doing but he neglected that females can be biologically not same as man's body but mentally, they both are



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at same level intellectually  
but genders roles were  
decided only on the  
basis of physical weakness.

## No participation of women in Politics

Women were not given  
chance to prove herself.  
She is kept away  
from politics. Politics  
were considered as man's  
field. This also decides  
and creates gender  
roles.

## No Restriction in Traditional women for their Rights

Women are kept away  
from politics. how they  
will series their rights.

In 1913 it was  
first time women  
protests in america for  
their right to vote.  
They have got that right  
in 1920 by Congress.



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but in traditional times,  
they were in homes and  
not aware of their  
rights.

### Conclusion:

Masculinity and Femininity  
are socially constructed so  
they can be changed  
by changing the ideas  
of people. Traditional  
gender roles are need  
to be eliminated  
which are only the  
result of patriarchy system.