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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.

**SOCIAL CONSTRUCT**

Social construct is a social mechanism as 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 construct 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 if it is related to our genetic composition.

## HORMONES' ROLE IN SEX:

In early stage of foetus development - it undergoes two times hormonal washing. First times, it is genital organs that undergo first washing as a result of first washing. In second washing, brain undergoes major changes which causes major differences in man and women's brain.

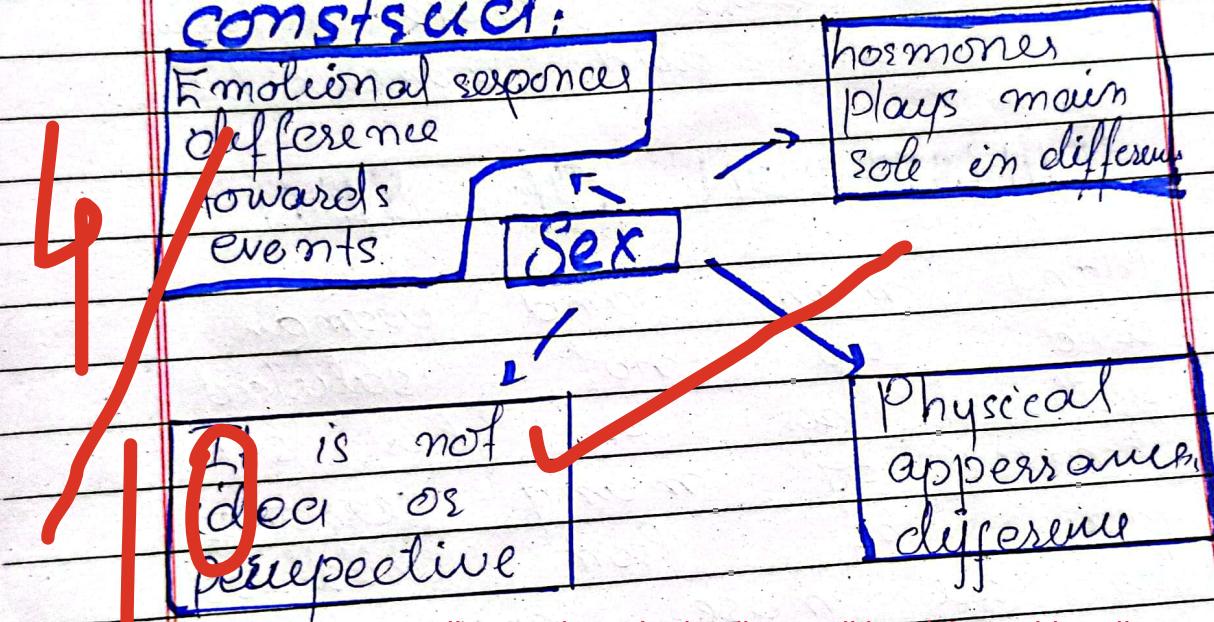
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## TRANSITION OF SEX:

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 have adopted a social gender. If sex is a social construct then they just wear clothes and act like them. They only need opposite sex and starts 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:



## CONCLUSION:

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

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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  
Bura hemon

OBJECTIVES OF RADICAL FEMINISM

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

## Objectives

To eliminate gender discrimination from the world.

To eradicate Patriarchal system

Recommendation  
to achieve  
Objectives

Form sisterhood bond with other women

Confront women's oppression

Form separatist networks in Public and Private sectors.

## SUBTYPES OF RADICAL FEMINISM

### Cultural Feminism:

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

## SEPARATEST FEMINISM:

Separatist feminists did not believe in heterosexuality. They said that male is not suppose to be nature and the differences between men and women are unsolvable.

## Modern Radical Feminism's Stance:

Radical feminists are not saying that women and men should be treated 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

discuss these in detail as well by giving subheadings.

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## INTRODUCTION.

Masculinity and Femininity are considered as social construct. 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 femininity. These are all the result of conditioned roles which comes from the thoughts and beliefs that if female is weak structurally it is subordinate to man.

## MASCUINITY.

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

## KEY TRAITS RELATED TO MASCULINITY:

- 1) **Present**: Man is always present in all tough situations.
- 2) **Focused**: He is focused to his causes.
- 3) **Un-emotional**: He does not cry at any situation.
- 4) **Fighter**: He is 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 TRADITIONAL FEMININITY:

- 1) **Emotional** : Women are 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.

## TYPES OF FEMININITY:

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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 Reservation in women for their rights

## Patriarchy:

how patriarchy play sole in originating traditional Roles  
 first we have to understand what is traditional gender roles.  
 Traditional gender roles in 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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earner for family. He is expected to save and controller of house. This system is highly supported by patriarchal system.

Patriarchy in which male consider them as superior and caretakers 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 biological 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

exposed and work and

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 realization in traditional women for their Rights

Women are kept away from politics. how they will settle 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.