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Introduction

Regardless of similarities in certain areas, Gender studies and women studies are different from each other in many ways as far their domains of constituents are concerned. Gender studies is interdisciplinary intellectual field of studies which deals with the study of all genders while Women studies specifically focuses on females' or women's issues. Apart from the difference, there is a -

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debate on the subject of Gender studies that whether it should be integrated in other subjects or it should be a separate independent discipline on its own. This debate is known autonomy versus integration debate in Gender studies.

Difference between Gender studies and Women studies:

Some people thinks that Gender studies and Women studies are same subjects of study. But Gender studies and Women studies are different subject in many ways. Some of the following differences are the following :

Gender studies	Women studies
= The subject of Gender studies emerged in the 1960.	Women study emerged in the second wave of feminism in 1970.

Gender studies

Women studies

- Gender studies deals with the study of all genders such as male, female and transgender.
- Gender studies = Women studies
If multiple-disciplinary is interdisciplinary subject of study.
- ⇒ Gender studies is focusing on overcoming social differences.
- ⇒ It emerged as a holistic discipline off women studies.
- ⇒ It owes to the movement for women liberation.
- White Women Studies deals with specific issues of women not of all genders.
- On the other hand, it focuses on women's participation in men's trade and occupation.
- It focuses on norms and social patterns associated with femininity and masculinity.

Autonomy versus Integration Debate in Gender studies

There is a debate in the feminist academia about gender studies between two school of thoughts. that whether gender studies should be integrated in already existing discipline of study or it should be given the status of an independent discipline on its own. This debate is known as autonomy versus integration debate.

Origin of Autonomy versus integration debate in Gender studies:

The debate of autonomy versus integration originated in 1982. When Gender studies was evolving. One school of thought was of the view that gender studies should be given a separate independence status of discipline while

Integrationist school of thought was of the opinion that gender studies should be integrated in the already existing disciplines like Sociology, Anthropology, Psychology and other social science.

Supporting points of each school of thought.

The autonomists and integrationists were bringing some supporting arguments for their justification into the debate. Some of the supporting points of each school are the following.

Autonomist

Gender studies should be separated from other subjects.

Integrationists

Gender studies should be integrated in other subjects.

⇒ It will give a chance of detail study of the subject.

It will create awareness among the people of other subjects through integration.

Autonomists

Integrationists

Autonomy of the subject
is provide an opportunity for researchers to carry out research works.

The integrationists argue that in integration of the subject, many people will study it.

It will be unbiased study of the subject.

It will add knowledge to other subject students.

Interested to all students.

Generating interest in other students.

Undermine Gender studies' goals.

spread its knowledge in other disciplines.

Conclusion :

In a nutshell, Gender studies is an multidisciplinary field of study. While women studies is women specific field of study. Autonomy and integration debate in gender studies refers to the discourse between the integrationists and autonomists. One favours the integration of the subject

in others subjects whereas the autonomists want gender studies to be a separate discipline rather than integrating in other disciplines.



Question No. 07

a. Introduction:

"Gender Based Violence is violence directed against a person because of his gender" By European Institute of Gender Equality"

The various forms of Gender Based Violence include direct violence cultural violence and structured violence. The different types of Gender Based Violence which are prevalent in Pakistan are physical violence sexual violence, psychological violence and economic violence. Furthermore, honor killing, Acid throwing, forced and child marriages are -

also common Gender Based violence in Pakistan. To eliminate the aforementioned different forms and types of Gender Based violence in Pakistan, some effective measures should be adopted.

B. Various forms of Gender Based Violence:

There are various forms of Gender Based Violence in a society. Some of the common forms of Gender Based violence are the following:

(i) Direct Violence:

Direct violence occurs when the perpetrator can be clearly identified. It can take many forms such as ~~these~~ use of force, torture and rape.

(ii) Cultural Violence:

Cultural violence is another form of violence which occurs when women and girls cannot report their unfair treatment due.

Some cultural norm and beliefs such as shame and dishonor in reporting their issues.

(ii) Structural violence:

Structural violence is the last forms of Gender Based violence which is present in many forms such as within the economy and politics. It is ~~an~~ invisible violence which involves the denial of some basic right, unequal distribution of power in the structure of a particular society.

C. Types of Gender Based Violence:

There are different types of Gender Based violence in Pakistan. These different types of gender Based violence are prevalent in the country which are taking place on daily basis. Some of the prevalent types of Gender Based violence in pakistan are the following:

(i) Physical Violence:

The first type of Gender Based Violence is physical violence which is taking place in the shape of skipping, beating, burning and murder.

(ii) Sexual Violence

Sexual Violence involves when the perpetrator forces the victim for sex by threatening her and without her consent.

This type of Gender Based violence is done by the intimate partner.

(iii) Psychological violence:

Psychological violence occurs when the perpetrator acts with the intention to persecute, threaten and abuse the women.

(iv) Economic violence

It involves the denial of basic right of the female like denial of inheritance rights, no access to employment opportunities -

and deprivation from basic needs of life.

Thus, these were the common prevalent Gender Based Violence in Pakistani society. Additionally, there are also some other common Gender Based Violence in Pakistan which include honor killing, Acid throwing, force and child marriages.

Measures for the elimination of forms and types of Gender Based violence in pakistan,

The presence of various types and form of Gender Based Violence is acknowledged by many; However, these forms and types of gender based violence will be eliminated from Pakistani society by following some of the effective preventive measures;

(i) Education for all:

Education should be provided to all genders as it will create awareness among them about gender based violence. In most educated family in Pakistan, the Gender based violence ratio is less. While in uneducated families, Gender Based violence is common phenomenon.

(ii) Giving Equal rights:

Giving equal rights to both genders will ensure them a kind of balance which will make the perpetrators reluctant to go for Gender based violence.

(iii) Media positive role:

Media is the most important tool for changing people's perception and ideas about anything. media should project such program which reduce gender Based violence in Pakistani society.

(iv) Ensuring participation in politics.

Women should be given participation in politics, so they will take part in decision-making. If they take part in decision-making, they will speak voice ~~for~~ for the violence committed against women.

(v) Addressing social cultural norms.

Some of the social norms should be eradicated and discouraged in the society to reduce gender based violence.

Like honor killing. Honor killing is against human rights and Islam, it should be addressed in Pakistani society.

(vi) Strict laws:

The government should framed strict laws for the elimination of gender-

Based violence. If there are strict laws against gender based violence, no will dare to inflict violence. Government should implement the already passed laws. The Women Handicapped Act at Workplace 2010 should be holistically implemented.

Conclusion:

To conclude, gender based violence is any act which ~~has~~ has harmful effects on the victims whether physical psychological or economical. The common prevalent gender based violence in Pakistan are physical violence, direct violence, cultural violence and structural violence. The various types and forms which are discussed above should be eradicated from Pakistani society by following the aforementioned measures.

Question NO. 04

A- Introduction:

Globalization is the process by which different parts of the world interact economically, politically and culturally. In the past two decades the integration of the societies and economies all over the world exponentially increased which resultantly impacted on the lives of women. Globalization has left both positive and negative impacts on the lives of women particularly in the developing countries.

These positive and negative impacts will be discussed with examples while keeping the last two decades under mind.

B- Globalization

Before jumping into the topic, it is reasonable to

enrichment of the understanding of the question to ~~discuss~~ define globalization briefly. Globalization is a rapid economic, cultural and institutional integration among countries.

C. Positive impacts of Globalization on the lives of women.

~~In the developing countries~~

Globalization has brought positive impacts on the lives of women in the developing countries in the past two decades. Some of the positive impact are the following.

(i) Scholarship opportunities for women.

Globalization has opened many scholarship opportunities for women in the last two decades. Many countries across the world offer scholarship opportunities for the women-

of developing countries.

For example, many Pakistani, Indian, Bangladeshi women are getting scholarship opportunities from the developed countries like UK, US, Canada, Indonesia, and many other countries offer at ~~larger~~ level scholarship opportunities.

(ii) provide online opportunities of earning.

Globalization also increased earning opportunities for women in the IT sector. At present women are currently earning online through various ways. These earning opportunities are due to the economic integration of the world countries.

(iii) Resolved many domestic issues of women.

In developing countries mostly women were restricted to home chores and they -

were often subjected to domestic violence at the hands of their counterparts. Now women's participation in activities outside of home.

(iv) Created Awareness in Women

Globalization brought awareness in women about their fundamental rights. Presently, wherever there is violation of women rights, they collectively come on road for protest for the protection of their life.

(v) Eradicated the Stereotypical beliefs

Women are exposed to different advance developed countries' culture via globalization. These developed countries' cultures are almost free from the stereotypical beliefs about women.

This exposure has ended many stereotypical beliefs in developing countries.

Negative impacts of globalization on the lives of women.

Regardless of the various positive impacts of globalization on the lives of women in the developing countries, it also brought many negative impacts on the lives of women. Which are the following:

(i) Economic inequalities for women:

Although globalization has increased access to economic opportunities, there are still wide gaps between economic empowerment of men and women. In developing countries, men are dominating the economic sector. Women are paid with less wages as compare to males.

(ii) Increased harassment of women:

Globalization provided many opportunities of -

female harassment to the perpetrators. Women are harassed at workplace. They are also harassed on mobile via different social media Apps.

(iii) Increased domestic violence

Globalization brought climate change in the world which increased domestic violence.

"In 2023 recently research published in JAMA, increasing temperature has increased domestic violence in south Asia."

(iv) Globalization brought wars in the world which affected on the lives of women:

Women are the ~~easy~~ more vulnerable group during times of war. They are harassed sexually and abused.

Due to various competition among countries on the resources, in this globalization era, it created conflicts -

and wars among nation. Resultantly it affected the lives of women. According to United Nation population Fund report 2023, women among the most vulnerable members of Ukrainian and Russian war.

Conclusion:

In a nutshell, Globalization is the cultural, economic and political integration among countries. The phenomenon bothy negatively and positively affected on the lives of women in the developing countries. Which are discussed with examples in the answer.