

Question # 3: Types of feminism

Introduction:

Feminism an often misperceived term in Pakistan. It is defined as the movement for female rights to end discrimination, disparity and oppression. The feminism can be traced back to 1848 - Seneca Falls Convention and their Declaration of rights where 200/300 women marked a unified approach toward issues of women. Till 1950's - 1st wave that is liberal feminism played its role, later it was replaced by Radical feminism with tough stance in 2nd wave. The Marxist feminism played its part to end economic disparities. Similarly the Post modern feminism associated itself with language. The status of women can be elevated by ending the gender construction right from base - houses and then by restructuring of institutes ranging from policy changes, accountability and equity practices. Their subjugation in terms of societal prejudice should end. The binary division must end between masculine and feminine traits. In Pakistan every type of feminism is needed to end the grass root disparity. Good examples and traits from all must be adopted leaving behind extra radical approach and unnatural ways of radicals.

Types of Feminism:

Liberal Feminism:

In this Feminism the slogan was "The Angel in the house". The strategy was Bloomers - Turkish trousers. They were

in favour of restructuring the system.

The system was a problem. It needed to be changed not as a whole but

some issues needed to be catered

Tenets: ① Right of equality - in every sphere

② Right of suffrage - voting. ③ Right

to education. ④ Negation of oppression

by patriarchal society. ⑤ Awareness

about ill practices. ⑥ Congual rights -

rights of inheritance - abortion, contraception

were asked. ⑦ Negation of Binary roles -

women as a domestic worker and male as

a bread winner. "System is ^{not} a problem"

⑧ The patriarchal institutes of family, schools and government must end disparity.

⑨ The negated Sigmund Freud - Oedipus

complex theory. ⑩ Women were made

aware of their powers.

Radical Feminism

Slogan - "Personal is political" Strategy

was Freedom trash can. They had radical

views. They were against men and

patriarchy. They negated the objectification

of women by makeup, sex or by biological

constraints. Books: ① Dialectic of Sex -

② Feminine Mystique ③ The Second sex

By proponents: like Simone de Beauvoir,

Firestone and others took a hard stance.

There were 2 types of it. Radical

social and cultural feminism. They

were against natural motherhood, sex

and men. They favoured homosexuality and rejected heteronormativity. Surrogacy and artificial birth ways were explored. Pornography was considered as theory and patriarchy was considered as its practical form. They were against prostitution. All the patriarchal norms were thrashed and a release from biological constraints like menstruation cycle and pregnancy was sought by operations. They adopted NOWAL: No Work at All to and demanded a complete New System — with norms favouring independence.

Marxist Feminism:

Marxist was against Capitalism and class struggle. The difference between have's and have not and the concept of private ownership was ended. The demand to break the chain was sought. Equal opportunities for labour was demanded. The means and relation of production nexus was sought. The superstructure and surplus and state interference in matters were demanded.

Post modern Feminism

The language is problem. The literature played the role in disparity between 2 sexes. Reality is only what we see or feel not what we heard.

The gender neutral terms and the demand for more writings and news.

Literature was formed

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Psychoanalysis Feminism:

The problem lies in human psychology. The theories like Electra Complex and Oedipus Complex are derogatory and are made to uphold the oppression by males by upholding the patriarchal norms and power-centric approach. The authoritarian tendencies of man and reigning the powerful by restricting the mindset of masses is needed.

Pakistan and Feminism and way forward:

Pakistan is young worst form of women oppression. The recent report of Gallup where 25% men favoured violence. The disparity in education 71% vs 48% and meager participation of women in policy making is bad. The best suited feminism for Pakistan is liberal feminism that is also portrayed by famous figures like Malala Yousafzai, Sharmila Chaudhary. Education demand and rights of inheritance exercised in true spirit. The domestic violence needs to end. Equality in wages and voting awareness. Negation of binary perspective and narrow mentality against women should end. The positive points of negation of Objectification, pornography, prostitution, of gendered literature. Class difference and bad mentality from other feminism types is also need of an hour.

PART - II

Question #4 - Sex vs Gender + Nature vs Nurture

Introduction:

In the 20th century, the world was on a paradox, during these crossroads multiple developments occurred and the realization of "Individual Identity" got importance. The mother of Feminism - Mary Wollstonecraft in her book "Vindication of Rights of Women" demands much-awaited rights. During 1920's after WWI the roles of women were challenged and women explored their capabilities when men were not present in wars.

Sex is biological, universal, natural. It has narrow scope. The biological identities define sex which are often mistaken and socialized in case of exceptions in identity. Whereas Gender is socially constructed. It negates essentialist views of roles, polarity of sexes and associated roles. It is not universal and has a wide canvas. Sex is natural while the gender is nurtured.

Gender in case of negating Normative and essentialist roles is considered as Queer. Identities are associated with respect to sex and gender is defined by inbuilt/nurtured roles in them.

Sex

(vs)

Gender

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| ① Biological/Natural | ② Socially constructed |
| Sex is biologically determined soon after birth | Gender is socially nurtured with time by Institutes. |
| ② Determined biologically by
① Hormones and chromosomes (XX - Girl, XY - Boy)
② Gonads (Testes & Ovaries) | ③ Sexually determined to
Homosexual, Heterosexual,
Asexual, Pan-sexual,
Grey-sexual. |

- ③ Hormones (testosterone and oestrogen) → These sexually determined sexuality
- ④ Genitalia (Penis, vagina) - orientation is not fixed
- ⑤ Physical Characteristics like (hair, breast, voice etc)

- ③ Natural: These are naturally assigned. Can only be changed by artificial means.
- ⑤ Constructive: The institutes of family, education, society and state nurture them

- ⑥ Universal They are same in any part of world
- ⑦ Dynamic. They changes with age, time and region.

- ⑧ Limited Canvas There are only 3 types of sexes (Male, female, Unisex)
- ⑨ Unlimited nature The gender are interchangeable and unlimited.

- ⑨ It can be ambiguous too: The exceptions like abnormal hormonal secretions cause ambiguous genitalia - or underdeveloped.
- ⑩ Gender is identified differently in Inter and Intra basis. It nurtures depending on religion, Caste, region etc.

- ⑪ Essentialist beliefs: Sex is considered essential and is associated irrespective of area. In Texas - Its identified by chromosomes, In Pakistan via genitalia. In Africa - in terms of erection and length.
- ⑫ Gender is not fixed and ^{can} negate essential and constructive beliefs. The homo-sexuals and trans can negate these societal normative order.

(13) Not nurtured by any Institute (14) Gender is imparted
Its biologically determined by everyone. The relation
and not changed mostly with parents, education
in school and society
norms impart gender

(15) Its classical approach. (16) Gender is defined
Sex existed from start. recently. Gender is
It was not distinguished recently defined by
or defined feminist like firestone,
Shulamith, & Elizabeth.

(17) Its imparted and defined (18) Biological constraints
by biology mostly. as well as society both
The characteristics nurture gender. Motherhood
of individual define role, menstration cycle as
the sex some of the roles given biologically.

(19) Its always Normative (20) Its not always considered
Sex is natural and normative. The Queen
is always clearly Theory and Non homo-
and normally accept normativity is often cultured.

(20) Minor exceptions (21) Many exceptions
1/2000 people suffer Gender is socially
from hormonal imbalance and individuals
domain.

(21) Cant be controlled (22) It can be directed
Its natural and And controlled.
needs an operation and Its nurtured so, people
artificial means Can grab them too.
It can be changed -
and is a choice of
Individual.

Question #8.

Introduction:

3rd wave of feminism started after 1980's with a new demands and more rights. The radical nature of 2nd wave was avoided and true natural nature was demanded. The participation of all was considered.

In post modern feminism the real cause of problem was claimed as language. The language created disparity among humans. The language made social construction and the need for restructuring of language was upheld. Gender neutral terms were adopted. The Gender studies was explored and accepted. The masses were made aware and individualism instead of sisterhood was adopted.

3rd wave of feminism.

It started after 1980's. The slogan of it was

"The personal is political"

The individualism was adopted.

— you can agree and demand what you need. The liberty of choice was demanded.

One shoe fits all was negated.

• The right of freedom and choice

were proclaimed. Participation in political, social and religious matters was considered. Women of colour were participated. The motherhood nature and natural roles were adopted again. The grace of female was upheld. The objectification is bad but glorifying the beauty of females, their natural tendencies of birth, motherhood, as wife and sister were regarded. The atrocities were identified. The pleasure of choice was promulgated. All groups — lesbians, gays, asexual, bisexual, trans, Queer — every one free to choose. The social construction and essentialism was negated. Abnormal is the new normal — many homosexual laws were made and accepted in Scandinavian states. They were given the right to Right Any sexuality. Feminine objects were reused and encouraged. The specialities and traits of females were graded and exercised. The women studies, oppression forms and ill practices of patriarchy globally were revoked and voices of women of every walk was considered.

Post modern Feminism:

In modern feminism the world started a new trend. The Post modern feminism identified 'Language as a Problem'. The Gendered identities and constructed social norms and divisions and patriarchal nature of education and culture was negated. The typographical and gendered terms like Bossman, Postman, Chairman were replaced by Batter, Chairperson and gender neutral terms. The derogatory terms like slut was replaced by Sex worker.

The identities of humans were made less divided. Coeducation and unisex uniforms, dresses and toys were introduced. Equal opportunities and even Quota systems for equity principle and Equal wages were demanded. The women from every class were given platforms and awareness to identify and address their problems. The political participation, domestic violence and other forms of violence and oppression were stopped and negated. Ill practices and awareness via platforms and NGOs were made. Mindset ^{change} and awareness was a major change after this.

Question # 7 - factors for creating Gender...

Introduction:

Gender is socially constructed. As soon as the human is born he is assigned by identity depending on sex. The roles are then assigned according to that identity. The Essentialism by society is exercised. The boy must be a breadwinner and Female should be a good domestic worker. The Gender Typification is done. Constructionism is done by different institutes of family, educational institutes, language and patriarchal policies by government. The Schema Theory is practiced and Psychoanalytic theories are exercised. The social construction is a continuous process inculcated in humans by different agents like parents, neighborhood, norms, beliefs, religion and expectations.

Factors responsible for Gender.

(a) Patriarchal nature of man:

The patriarchy is exercised at every step in upbringing of a child, in education of them, in marriages and even in choice of their hobbies.

Example: Female child attached with mother to learn domestic work, while Male accompany father to learn earning bread.

(b) Essentialism by society:

The society created some values and norms which are backed by elites and

male dominated culture. These norms are considered Gender normative. Normal for Gender to adopt, while deviation from them is considered Queer.

Example:

Homosexuality is considered as Taboo / Queer, while heterosexuality is normal.

(c) Gender Typification:

The roles are assigned to sexes and negation from them is judged on the basis of following those roles efficiently.

The Individual Identity Agency is never left alone and he is forced to live in a binary world.

Example!

- Confident and dominant male → Good and if female does that → she is Bad.
- Similarly a man doing domestic work is criticized as Girly.

(d) Constructionism:

All these roles and identities are constructed in steps by society.

As soon as the child is born, Family:

The colour construction is done — Blue for boys and pink for females.

Family institute then later kind inculcates

choice of dresses — Best shirt for

males and frocks and gowns for females

Toys: Cars and puzzles for boys.

Dolls and domestic or kitchen appliances like toys for girls.

Schools:

Later schools adds disparity to it by different sections for males and females. Masculinity is introduced. A good mannered male is always confident and strong. He is not shy, he help his father and much more, while females are mannered when they are shy, fragile and when they help their mothers.

Different sports and activities: The female schools are having table tennis, badminton, and other cultural games while men are awarded with rugby, cricket and other sports arenas.

③ Schema Theory:

The schemas for identification of gender are placed. The gender is done. The respected schemas of male and female behaviours in form of masculine and feminine traits are set. The odd among them are identified, criticized and often mocked. There are no regard for trans in public.

No bathrooms, no identification till 2009 - when they were given Nic Rights.

These exceptional beings are often pushed towards wall at various stages.

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Psychoanalytical Theory:

The psychology is trained and bridled to consider what is 'right' and 'normal'. All other roles or intermin natures are queer and odd.

Conclusion:

Due to these social construction, the humans are muddled — They are divided in between binary forms. Male/female, good/bad, normal/abnormal, obedient and disobedient and much more. They are pushed to grab their true nature and choice. The natural abnormalities are defamed, are often sidelined from social status. All are human and the roles are the rights of their selves — Its construction must be left for individual. The gender must be the choice of them.

Let them decide what they want.