

The world is incomplete without women.

1. Introduction:

Thesis Statement: "The world is incomplete without women for their diverse biological, social, economic and historic roles. Still, the world has not been kind to them and they face a lot of challenges. Remedial measures are required to mitigate these challenges."

2. Woman is necessary for the continuity of life

3. Social importance of a woman

a) Importance as a mother

- i) Nurturing the child
- ii) Shapes personality of a child
- iii) Shapes nations

b) Importance as a wife

- i) Support system of man
- ii) Influence over man's decisions

c) Importance as a daughter

4. Economic Importance of a woman

a) Equal potential as man

b) Half of the work force

5. Historical figures

6. Importance given to women in Islam

a) Spiritual importance

b) Social importance

c) Economic importance

d) Political importance

7. Challenges faced by women

- a) ~~Some~~ Fewer women in decision making positions
- b) Inequality in job opportunities
- c) Inequality in educational opportunities
- d) Domestic violence against women
- e) Cultural barriers to women's success

8. Remedial measures to overcome challenges

- a) Encouraging political participation of women
- b) Providing equal economic opportunities
- c) Empowering women through education
- d) Legislation against domestic violence
- e) Removing cultural barriers hindering women's success

9. Conclusion

"God has given you mates from your own nature, and from your mates, children and grandchildren, and has made provision of good things for you." (16:27)

This Quranic verse is the simplest and the most elaborate explanation of the importance of women in man's life and in the world. They are indeed essential for sustaining life on Earth. Besides this vital biological importance, women have immense sociological importance playing the roles of a mother, a wife and a daughter. Moreover, women have a huge economic importance as they have equal potential as men and they are half of the workforce of a nation. There are several examples of historical women figures that highlight their importance. Furthermore, Islam has also given women immense spiritual, social, economic and political importance. Despite their vital importance, women have still faced several political, economic, social and cultural challenges which have to be resolved through remedial measures. In view of the above statements, there is no denying the fact that ~~women~~ the world is incomplete without women for their diverse biological, social, economic and historic roles. Still, the world has not been kind to them and they face a lot of challenges. Remedial measures are required to mitigate these challenges.

First and foremost, women are absolutely necessary to maintain life on earth. There would be no life if there were no women. Women are vital for the production, sustenance and maintenance of life. Had the women somehow magically vanished from earth, human reproduction would have become impossible and the human species would have gone extinct within a century or so. It is because of women's biological capacity that human species have sustained life through all these years and have become one of the most abundant species on earth. This fact alone makes the world not just incomplete but non-existent altogether without women. This biological importance of women make them an integral part of the world and the human society.

Being an integral part of the society, women play important social roles, the most important of which is arguably that of a mother. A woman, as a mother, has a vital role in the nurturing and upbringing of a child. Unlike other species, a human child is totally dependent on the nurturing and care of the mother for its survival. A mother goes through all kinds of suffering and hardships to provide the best for

her children. In its most vulnerable state, a child is protected by its mother. From feeding a child, to cleaning it; from playing with a child to comforting it, a mother is always there for her child. Therefore, the tiny world of a child is indeed incomplete without the presence of a woman in the shape of a mother.

Moreover, a woman shapes the personality of a child as a mother. While growing up, a child comes in interaction with its mother the most. This is why a mother acts as the first teacher of the child and shapes its personality. If a mother teaches a child to become studious, it becomes studious; if a mother teaches a child to be loving; it becomes loving and caring; if a mother teaches a child to be athletic, it becomes athletic. In short, everything a mother teaches a child to become during its initial stages of socialization, the child becomes that. Hence, a mother plays an immense role in shaping the personality of a child.