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# Mock Exam I

## The Essay

### The Ambitious Journey Towards Gender Equality

#### Outlines

#### I Introduction

No elaboration and explanation of terms in introduction. That's what the crunch Paragraph is for

They are all part of Intro and written together as a paragraph so no need to number them separately in the outline

~~1. Decoding the term "Gender"~~

~~2. Significance of gender equality~~

~~3. Thesis Statement: Gender inequality a~~

much debated international issue, creates numerous hinderances to women empowerment. This demands certain socio-economic and political reforms with sustainable development programs to ensure smooth journey towards gender equality.

Use key words from the topic in your thesis statement

II What are the obstacles in women's journey towards gender equality

which makes it an ambitious journey. Ambitious is a key word in the topic. You need to relate to that throughout the essay.

1) Patriarchal setup of Pakistan

The topic is not specific to Pakistan. The heading should not be either

2) Economic disparities with harassment cases

2 separate arguments, discuss separately

"Women still earn 16% less than men"

(Gender Pay Gap Statistics)

No statistics for harassment

3) Socio-cultural taboos

-> Dowry system; Women as Homemakers; Honour Killing

4) Less political representation nationally and internationally

-> Less representation in UN

in history

-> ~~no~~ Only female Prime Minister of Pakistan: Benazir Bhutto

5) Deprivation in healthcare and education

-> 2 Million more girls than boys out of school.

2 separate arguments

-> 21% of girls get married before 18 years in Pakistan (Recent report)

Why is this not discussed in socio-cultural taboo

III How journey towards gender equality be ensured?

Topic specific heading

1. Challenging patriarchy

Vague

-> Introducing inclusive gender participation in society

2. No workplace discrimination

How?

-> Strict penalties under Constitution on workplace harassment

Harassment and workplace discrimination are two separate domains.

3- Ending domestic violence, rape cases, Kidnapping, force marriages (Political & Constitutional reforms)

The solution of hunger is not eat more food. It would be steps to ensure food security. You cannot simply say challenge patriarchy. The point should be the step that needs to be taken

4. Compulsory right to education

These two arguments are separate

→ Putting an end to early marriages

5) Sustainable development programs

→ Certain approaches like WID and WAD are ~~not~~ effective

Unnecessary and irrelevant

→ Role of NGOs in Women empowerment

→ Increased awareness campaigns

→ Rise in feminist movements.

→ Women studies as an academic discipline

The tone of outline and topic does not match

IV Conclusion

# THE ESSAY

Quote not relevant

Nelson Mandela once said, "Freedom cannot be achieved unless women have been emancipated from all forms of oppression". The viewpoint of Mandela ~~has~~ been is being relevant even today. Since the First Wave of Feminism (1900-1959)

Irrelevant details Background does not mean history of the subject

demanding Women Suffrage right, there has been a growing discussion on the ways to achieve gender equality. The term "Gender" itself needs explanation as it is frequently ~~is~~ used to mean "Sex". While "Sex" refers to the biological characteristics differentiating men and women mainly on the basis of genitalia, "Gender" is

No need to define terms in the outline

a socially constructed reality. Gender refers to the ~~attributes, behavioral patterns, related roles and responsibilities being assigned to men and women.~~ The very definition shows how certain conventional thoughts stem from society. Gender equality is very important in every sphere of life whether educational, political, economic or socio-cultural. Gender inequality a much debated international issue, creates numerous hindrances to women empowerment. This demands certain socio-economic and political reforms along with sustainable development programs ensuring smooth journey towards gender equality.

Introduction is unstructured and does not fulfil its purpose

Irrelevant

Transition should be about the next point of discussion only Do not foreshadow the recommendation.

Before finding out the ways to facilitate smooth journey towards gender empowerment there is a need to acknowledge hindrances in this way. ~~Women~~ Gender empowerment is not a simple goal to achieve.

The discussion is not about the reasons for gender disparity. The discussion is about the hindrances that make gender equality hard to achieve.

Firstly, patriarchal setup ~~and~~ is a predominantly crucial factor behind the issue of gender disparity. In Pakistan, man is supposed to be the head and ultimate decision maker of the family due to his economic superiority. Being breadwinner and potential financial

The topic is not about Pakistan. If you want to discuss Pakistan use it in examples

Support for the family, ~~his~~ his authority cannot be challenged. ~~If~~ This patriarchal setup includes inculcates authoritative ownership role in the males, which often leads to women's compromised situation. ~~She~~ <sup>Female</sup> can be denied educational right and confined within boundary of walls if the father commands so.

The discussion lacks analysis. You are simply describing the situation of Pakistan not relating it to how it poses a hurdle in the journey gender equality

Tone weakens the argument

Sentence structure

The second contributor to gender discrimination is economic disparity.

Discuss your arguments first and then mention evidence.

According to Gender ~~Go~~ Pay Gap Statistics, Women still earn 16% less than men".

Source?

In the offices, business ~~in~~ organizations and factories, women are employed as they do not much argue on their economic rights.

Even the famous actresses having a ~~not~~ comparatively significant role in Movie or drama than men are paid less remuneration for their bigger roles, which they repeatedly resonates and speak up against.

Furthermore, women become a victim to workplace harassment as evident in our society. <sup>separate argument</sup>

Third important obstacle in gender

inequality In Booker Prize Winner Novel, "Shuggie Bain", the female protagonist who was a single mother was shown

How does this relate to gender equality being an ambitious journey?

to be victim of repeated workplace harassment

by her Boss to which resulted in her mental trauma and etc. made her alcoholic. Such cases are multiple and they needs to be addressed any how

Concluding sentence sums up the paragraph

Third important obstacle in towards gender disparity is the presence of manifold socio-cultural taboos ~~see in~~ our society.

The topic is global, don't limit the argument to one society or state

Dowry system has been made a compulsory contributory factor to women marriages.

Unless she fills ~~the~~ her so called new house with <sup>abundant</sup> treasures of high esteemed values, she is not considered worthy of respect.

Expression is very unbiased.

After that, she is assigned the task of home making and being a good home maker with specialized

No clear argument. How does these point relate to the topic? No connection regarding that established.

cooking skills. Similarly, killing a women in the name of Honour by male family members is a social taboo and

regressive picture of our society, still it is ~~portrayed~~ <sup>depicted</sup> as morally virtuous tasks of ~~violating~~ eliminating pollution out of their lives because of violations from standard norms.

How does this relate to gender equality being an ambitious journey?

Less political representation both on national and international level is also contributing force in ~~of~~ escalating/worsening the gender gap. In the United Nations, there is minimum representation of women.

You need to first establish the fact that poor representation is creating hurdle in the journey towards gender parity. The the examples should prove that, not just list how many seats other genders occupy.

Similarly, in Pakistan there is scarce political participation of women. All + Majority of political seats are occupied by males due to the perception of males as being good leaders and decision makers. This is because women is deprived of decision making right from her home environment. Without getting the due opportunity, they cannot influence and contribute to country's prosperity. hastly, deprivation in educational and basic health care facilities present a sorry picture of widening gender gap. A major contributing factor in female empowerment is the tool of education. With education comes knowledge, and "Knowledge is power" as Francis Bacon used to say. However, women is deprived of this basic right. According to a survey, all of girls get married before 18 years of age in Pakistan. A girl who wants to pursue higher education is trapped in early marriage, unfortunately causing/putting an end to her aspirations. A more depressing image is explicit in the rural areas where high school girls are bound to marry early and bearing children which compels them to drop out of school. "As per Statistical Report, 2 Million

Very narrow approach in the topic. Gender is not just male and female. Discuss all genders. Also, your paragraphs are very descriptive in nature. They do not provide any sort of analysis. Moreover, they lack the structure of a proper academic paragraph.

more girls than boys are out of school.  
Hence all these hinderances obstructs natural progression towards increased gender equality.

Gender equality is not a steady phenomena, it constantly but gradually heading concept. If hinderances are multiple, possible course of action are also manifold for smooth transitional journey of gender equality and empowerment. The first of these indicators to ensure gender equality is to change the traditional setup of patriarchy. Although patriarchy is not a negative aspect always, still it gives wave to many other women problems.

Shorten the transition

Proponents of Second Wave of Feminism had utter disgust for patriarchal mindset and their whole journey was to of struggle was to challenge and ultimately abolish patriarchy. Patriar

How will you change it? What step needs to be taken.

Do not start a paragraph with a fact, evidence or quote

Patriarchy is a relationship of dominance that systematically oppress and marginalize women (Radical Feminists). Thus, introducing inclusive gender participation will liberate the women in all societal spheres, and helping them to get out of their inferiority complexes.

Irrelevant quote

Do not break the paragraph to write the quote. The quote should be part of the paragraph.



Secondly, <sup>Sentence structure</sup> workplace discrimination is a much avoided issue, and if tackled with suitable reforms, it can positively contribute in journey of gender equality. Women suppressed due to workplace harassment needs to raise their voice against such

Harassment and workplace discrimination are two separate domains

Workplace discrimination

involves glass ceiling,

Unequal pay and hiring on the

Basis of gender.

Harassment is asking sexual favours

Making someone uncomfortable

Abusing the power.

Useful owners. However, women mostly remain silent due to social taboos attached with such things are exposed publicly. Moreover, the owners/employers constantly blackmail the ladies against action. Despite all the

Rediscussion of the problem. No solution

Not what woman must do

What societal change needs to

Happen and how it can be made possible

Such things, women in first place needs the courage speaking against economic injustices and harassment and such. Self-confidence can only be assured through strict penalties under constitution on such harassers.

Directly address the argument in the topic sentence

Thirdly, not only workplace harassment, many connected issues related to gender inequality needs to be addressed. This means <sup>minimising</sup> ending domestic violence, rape cases, kidnapping, forced marriages, forced prostitution practices through strict check and balances. The government needs to <sup>introduce</sup> effective remedial policies like strict compliance of law and order, early court hearings instead of delaying cases for years, strict regulatory ~~restrictions~~ and check on the police officers to in time submission

Focus on providing a solution to the issue. Specific strategies and steps that need to be taken

of case studies. The recent news regarding father sexually abusing her own daughter is a severe women rights violation and concern of highest degree posing a mental trauma of not being protection even from father who is supposed to be the guardian of family. To add more, "6,624 cases of rape were reported in 2023, reflecting a 12% increase from the 5,890 cases reported in 2022." Only strict regulatory actions can stop this menace.

Reiteration of problem

Another positive contributor towards successful gender empowerment journey is provided by education. By putting an end to teenage early marriages, women must be encouraged to pursue higher education. Positive support system should be provided by family and mentors informing women about importance of education specially in rural areas. While ~~an~~ urban women have good access to social media awareness and university education, rural women/girls are at loss. Therefore, educational campaigns countrywide should be introduced regarding the power of education. Once women ~~are~~ get right to education, their self-awareness, self-confidence, deciding making skills, leadership and management qualities ~~are~~ <sup>will be</sup> effectively fostered.

Too many vague ideas.  
No clear solution  
No evidence

Last but not the least, Sustainable development programs are already been under process bridging the gender gap & and transitioning to equality in society. Certain approaches like WID (Women in Development) and WAD (Women and Development) are working to guarantee women their due rights. WID is basically orchestrating range of activities concerning women in the development domain; ensuring improved educational and employment, equality in political and social participation, and more health services. Similarly, WAD regards women as instrumental part of development process and questions the sources and nature of women subordination.

NGOs (Non-Governmental Organizations) along with their diverse social activities are increasingly contributing towards gender equality movements. The brave and valiant ladies are constantly raising their voices against all forms of oppression. Rise in feminist movements was also one of the outcomes of women's public voice against injustices caused to them. "Aurat March Movements" emerged in Pakistan celebrating women independence & challenging conventional norms of male dominance. Different

Slogans have been raised after years of silence. "Women Studies" emerged as an academic discipline along with "Gender Studies". Women Studies addresses all the rights guaranteed to women and ~~her~~ ensures equal participation and opportunities on different scales of society. Thus, Sustainable development strategies have paved the way towards gender equality.

Conclusion starts with the crux of the topic. Do not generalise

To conclude, gender equality is a complex issue that needs multifaceted approach. It needs to identify and minimize all the oppressive means obstructing the way to gender equality. When all those obstacles are identified, a roadmap is essential to be followed that can bridge up and align our journey to the correct and much deserved path of gender equality. By working on political, economic, social, in fact every social level constricting women liberation, challenging and addressing traditional patriarchal setup and creating sustainable development programs for increased awareness on gender inequality issue, our society can witness a significant and positive

This does not address the essay. Does not properly sum up the topic. The language and expression is very informal

change. This can also help us get appreciation globally on this international issue.

Thus, the ambitious journey towards gender equality can only become practice reality if all necessary steps are taken in true spirit. ~~Changing social fabric of our society through journey towards gender equality must be focused as much as possible. To conclude the discussion with Emma Watson's wonderful stance:~~

"Gender equality not only liberates women but also ~~men~~ from prescribed gender stereotypes".



	<b>Category</b>	<b>Total marks</b>	<b>Obtained marks</b>
<b>Content</b>	Qualitative analysis	10	1
	Quantitative analysis	10	1
	Validity & Reliability	10	1
	Relevance	10	1
<b>Language</b>	Sentence structure	5	1
	Vocabulary	5	1
	Clarity	5	0
	Command of language	5	1
	Expression	5	0
<b>Structure</b>	Outline	5	1
	Introduction	5	1
	Body paragraphs	5	1
	Conclusion	5	0
<b>Coherence</b>	Cohesion	5	1
	Coherence	10	0
		<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>