

Name: Maryam Shahbaz.

# Essay: The Ambiguous Journey towards Gender Equality

## Outline:

1: Introduction:

Work of presentation. Draw margins.  
Use a different pen for headings

1.1: Still in 21<sup>st</sup> century, the role associated with specific gender, the patriarchal and societal norms, the controversial practices and Disparity in financial, educational and political sectors is proof of Ambiguous journey towards gender equality.

Simplify the sentence structure

Break it down into 2 sentences

~~2: Main Body:~~ No need for this heading

2.1: Decoding the term Gender Equality

2.2: Inequality faced by Men (Role as breadwinner, financial responsibilities and societal taboos)

Instead of limiting these to 2 paragraphs make the discussion in every paragraph nuanced enough to encompass all genders.

2.3: Inequality faced by Transgenders. (Role as emerging thing, No fundamental rights)

The main headings should be derived from the topic. The topic is not about the disparity faced by women. The topic is achieving gender equality is a difficult journey.

2.4: Gender Disparity faced by female

2.4.1: Inherited Patriarchal system

2.4.2: Common conventional practices

(Nani, Marriage with Quran, Walla kulla)

2.4.3: Societal Taboos and verbal abuse against female

Two very different points

2.4.4: Enormous violent practices.

Word choice not appropriate

(Acid attack, honour killing, rape)

2.4.5: Low female representation in major state sectors.

2.4.6 Equal population of females and less reservation of seats in politics.

The topic is not Pakistan specific

2.4.7 Unaccepted Economic independency of female.

Discuss issues that make it difficult to bring change.



Outline is too short.  
Does not address the topic properly.

Sentence structure

2.4.8 Specific Heathcases absence for females  
3: Conclusion.

A rural Pakistan's areas, where people having strong belief in cast and creed system. The lower class young boy fell in love with upper class elder girls. This unaccepted relation by society calls for Panchayat (decision making bodies in rural areas). The panch decided to punish boy by attacking his honour. <sup>His</sup> sister named Mukhtasim Maii was gang raped by Males of opposite party. The whole world shivered by hearing this call of justice and equality. Pakistan from its birth till today is facing Gender Disparity. The role associated with specific gender, the patriarchal and societal norms, the controversial practices and Gender Disparity in major state sectors is proof of Ambiguous journey towards Gender equality. Standing on the crossroad of 21<sup>st</sup> century, its imperative to critically examine the Gender Equality faced by All genders Male, Female and Transgender in Pakistani societal

Shorten the anecdote. It should be no more than 50-60 words as your whole attention grabber is 60-90.

Intro is unstructured.

The intro does not relate to the topic. Your intro is about gender inequality in Pakistan while the topic is that getting gender equality is an arduous process.

This opening does not correspond with the paragraph

If the topic does not specifically mention a society or a state, don't limit the topic to that state



system. Not only females but Male also <sup>Burdened</sup> burdened with the patriarchal system of society in which all financial responsibilities are shouldered on Male Men making <sup>Their</sup> its life hectic and <sup>Wrong use of word</sup> burdened. Major taboo associated with Male is his role as Bread Winner

This is a modern slang form. Burdened is used

which makes the societal attitude towards slow learner males harsh. They are called obsolete, useless and even <sup>Tone and language needs to be academic</sup> critically target his ego. These statements <sup>Why does it makes them violent?</sup> make Male violent and hard repressing their emotions. One of <sup>It's not a taboo, it's a derogatory label</sup> taboos for male is "Don't talk about his wife" if he <sup>Subject verb agreement</sup> do cares and if he do not. The same Man is called Cruel and Violent i.e; Society is only ready to accept his role as Financial supporter, crushing his emotions.

Paragraph is incoherent. There is no structured analysis. No concrete idea. Moreover, the writing has no flow either. It is limited to one society and does not provide any in-depth understanding of the point being Made.

For example: <sup>This is not an example.</sup> A Male can't cry even in state of sorrow. <sup>An example is either a specific event from reality, a quote, an excerpt from book, or Quantitative or Qualitative analysis from a research.</sup> Drawing the curtains on societal attitude making Male Harsh and violent is a form of Disparity and Emotional trauma <sup>Concluding sentence?</sup> faced by Men. Pivoting towards The aspect of Gender Inequality faced by Transg-

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



That is 3rd gender. Or intersex people. A transgender is someone who changes their sex. Only Pakistan calls intersex people transgender. But your topic is not about Pakistan.

endless, their societal accepted role is Amusers or Beggars. Why not Bread winners or a domestic workers.

Don't ask questions in topic sentence

In Pakistan, Transgenders are facing social exclusion and stigma, often stunned by society leading to low self-esteem, depression and anxiety. They have limited access to education and employ-

ments. Discriminatory Practices prevents their growth of career and educational journey.

They seek barriers for Health care facilities for instant Many Hospitals did not accept them and don't have a third option other than male and female on their medical forms. Transgender are underrepresented in politics

and major state decision making bodies which limit their ability to advocate for their rights. They are poned to religious and cultural discrimination.

Above all, Transgenders are not accepted by their own families leading them vulnerable to this harsh attitude and loneliness.

Directly address the argument in the topic sentence. Also link it to the topic.

Transitioning towards the Gender Dispenity faced by Female in Pakistan is most highlighted one beca-

Incoherent  
Too many points in the paragraph.

No proper structure  
Lacks proper analysis  
And research to back the Points up

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



use Major population of <sup>Reference?</sup> Pakistan consist  
Male and Female with 52% of female  
ratio in country and Discriminatory  
behaviour in all departments. The inher-  
ited inequality faced by Women is one  
of major contributors <sup>Not the point of discussion</sup> impeding the growth  
of country. The Male dominant Patriarchal  
system, repressing females from the  
domestic level, is backbone of gender  
Disparity. Female did not have  
right for their personal decision of life  
i.e; their will for marriage is often  
neglected. Despite religious freedom they are  
not allowed to marry according to their  
will. Another example is their choice  
of carrier made by elders of family  
or Father or by her brothers.

Furthermore the controversial  
societal practices in backward areas  
are still common in Pakistan which  
raise a big question mark on Gen-  
der Equality. Some common practices con-  
sidered absolutely right by society are  
discriminatory and cruel practices  
on females where Womens are only  
dealt as a subject. For example  
Wani, is common practice in rural

No structure to paragraph  
No analysis  
Evidence.

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



areas of Sindh and Balochistan in which female (sister or daughter) or ones who committed some crime or murder is given to the oppressed

Don't define and explain terms in a paragraph

Too many points  
Discuss one or 2 aspects in a broader Arguments or divide these into separate arguments

as punishment of crime committed by men.

Another example is 'Marriage with Quran' in which the Rais and Jagirdar families of rural areas of Pakistan marry their daughters with Quran so that their inherited properties ~~who~~ would be protected.

No proper argumentation  
No research

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

Commonly practiced system of "Watta Satta" all over the Pakistan is also the form of oppression only faced by females in which if married life of brother is ruined it will automatically disturb the married life of his sister. All of these practices are considered right in society as people see they protected future of their daughter but actually its violent and discriminatory practices against females.

Adding to this the verbal abuse is only faced by females in Pakistan in either its the fault of her father her brother or her son, from all the side Abusive language, commonly called 'Ghali' is faced by pointing the furniture



Sort of repetitive

Does not actually address the actual faultline that

Results in this. No analysis. No evidence

relations. Another form of verbal abuse is abusive  
taboos associated with female commonly <sup>practiced</sup> in  
backward areas of Pakistan. Not limited to  
common societal practices some English language  
words are also discriminatory form between  
males and females. For instance An unmarried  
Male is called 'Bachelors' which means  
the lucky one while the unmarried female  
is called 'Maiden/Spinster' means the unlucky  
one. Why These language disparities despite  
the same status or state one is considered  
fortunate and other unfortunate. These  
absurd and discriminatory language for  
female determines the ambiguity of  
Gender Equality.

That is a separate argument.

Lacks proper example

Maiden does not mean unlucky

Expanding upon the idea of  
violent practices (including <sup>various cases</sup> as  
explained earlier there are more forms of violence  
physical violence faced by female. Starting  
from the societal unit a home, females are  
subjected to domestic violence i.e., often  
beaten by their parents, brothers or elders  
either they are faulty or not. Other dom-  
estic violence is Marital Rape suffered by  
female and Above all both of these domes-  
tic violent practices are considered as the

Don't address example in the topic sentence also  
You cannot repeat the examples

The paragraphs  
All discuss some sort  
Of Violence and abuse  
There are other  
Dimensions to discrimination



Family matter. Out of the domestic state females are prone to Acid Attacks and Honour killing. According to recent research High ratio of Honour Killing in Pakistan is found in Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa regions. One of most notorious cases of Honour Killing is Murder of Qandeel Baloch a famous Model and media influencer by his own brother for only satisfying his self esteem. Another case of violence against female is Safia Bibi case she was a domestic worker and raped by land lord and his son. According to Punjab Gender Disparity Report 2016: There are 2938 reported cases of rape, 43 of Acid attacks and 222 of Honour Killing.

Lacks analysis  
It simply lists points

Too many points in a paragraph

Does not relate to the topic

The language and tone is not appropriate for academic discussion

Don't end the paragraph on an evidence

Moving towards the State and Gender discrimination. About half of the Pakistan population is comprising of female with No representation of female as head in major departments of state such as Wildlife, Aviation, Military, Intelligence & Agricultural. Even the seats reserved for females in these departments are very less in numbers. The lack of female representation in major state bodies is impeding their career growth. The political participation of



females is very small and the females that take part are from elite politically stronger background i.e; that societal behaviour towards females not allows them to be parts of politics or not accept female as a leader. The seats reserved by females in National Assembly are minor (60) compared to 234 of total seats. In the 75 years history of Pakistan, only one female served the country as Prime Minister and one is serving as Chief Minister. <sup>and</sup> of them having stronger political background. This political disparity faced by females is painting vivid picture of gender inequality in Pakistan.

Again this list presents and points. It lacks analysis. It is not relevant to the topic as a whole. There is no structure to the paragraph. The tone and language is not very academic.

Adding to this discrimination faced by females in Economic perspective is a <sup>Growth of country is irrelevant to the topic</sup> ~~major cause of impeding growth of country.~~ According to recent <sup>Reference?</sup> research only 1% of females are entrepreneurs in Pakistan. The large wages gap of male and female workers is discriminatory attitude. <sup>For instance</sup> ~~For instance~~ from domestic male and female worker to actors and actresses all <sup>females</sup> ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> facing wages disparities. Its major reason may be the roles associated with female as house wife or homemakers and male as

Too many points. No single idea developed properly



mm  
ibag.

This is repetitive

Bread winner. The ~~societal mindset restricted to see female as house wife make unacceptable economic independency of females even calling independent ladies rebellion or evil spreader in society.~~ Unobserving the ground reality the societal and state collectively hampered the economic independency of females.

Moreover, there are specific healthcare requirements of females which are neglected in Pakistan.

According to World Economic reforms the Health care disparity scored  $\sim 0.36$  out of 1 in Pakistan.

There is high Maternal mortality rate. Female are suffering from menstrual stigma with no leaves or healthcare facilities in major departments in special days of females. From a education institution (School) to Political bodies (Parliament) the necessary Health care facilities are absent for females.

incoherent, lacks argumentation

All of these things collectively marked a Big Question Mark on journey toward Gender Equality.

How is it a question mark of journey of gender equality.

Don't start the paragraph with an example or case study

According to Gender Gap Report 2023 by World Economic forum Not even a single country have achieved the Gender Equality and Pakistan ranked at 5<sup>th</sup> worst country



in terms of gender disparity out of 146 countries of the world. Disparity in Economic, societal, political and Educational sectors adds to this gap of equality in Pakistan.

A country cannot be progressed without role of females. Hoping for the positive societal attitude towards female community and encouraging them to participate in all field of life, may leads to a new Pakistan but till now the Gender Equality seems to be ambiguous journey.

No point in the paragraph

Conclusion??

Starting time: 11:25.

Ending time: 02:32.



# Brainstorming

## Decoding term Gender Equality

Women:

→ Social Practices (Wari, <sup>Marriage</sup> ~~honour to~~ <sup>Watan</sup> ~~Watan~~ <sup>Quran</sup>)

→ GGI Report 2023 → WFF

→ Communal taboos

→ Inequality in Education.

use of Verbal and Physical Violence.

→ ~~Specific health care~~

Role of Female in Economic activities.

Violence against females  
→ Acid attacks  
→ Honour Killing  
→ Rape.

Men:

→ <sup>Financial</sup> Economic responsibilities → Mental stress.

→ Emotional trauma

→ Societal Taboos

→ Role of Men → Only as Breadwinner

Other Gender: Beggary, Amusement, sexual

→ Transgender ~~only~~ purpose: { No right to vote.  
not right to marry.

→ Not fundamental rights. { parents - birth → rejection)

→ Societal taboos

→ Extremist → violence

No right to learn.  
right of freedom of speech.

Suggestion



	<b>Category</b>	<b>Total marks</b>	<b>Obtained marks</b>
<b>Content</b>	Qualitative analysis	10	1
	Quantitative analysis	10	2
	Validity & Reliability	10	1
	Relevance	10	1
<b>Language</b>	Sentence structure	5	1
	Vocabulary	5	1
	Clarity	5	1
	Command of language	5	1
	Expression	5	1
<b>Structure</b>	Outline	5	1
	Introduction	5	0
	Body paragraphs	5	1
	Conclusion	5	0
<b>Coherence</b>	Cohesion	5	1
	Coherence	10	1
<b>Total</b>			<b>14</b>