

## Subjective Part: Part II

Q No 1 Critically examine the differences between Gender Studies and Women Studies. Shed light on Sex vs gender debate as well.

### Difference between

	Women Studies	Gender Studies
1	It started in the 1960	It started in the 1980
2	Women Studies is specified to the study of women only	It is specified to the study of the genders
3	It is the result of the 2nd wave of feminism	It is a part of the 3rd wave of feminism
4	It highlights the issues of the women	It highlights the social issues of the man, women and transgender
5	Teaching and research on women issues to break down hierarchies	Cross cultural studies of gender
6	Criteria and method of assessing women status	Women Studies, queer theory
7	Lack of freedom in sexual orientation	Freedom in sexual orientation



8 Women's participation in men's work

Overcome social and sex differences.

9 Women studies want to be an autonomous subject

Gender studies is interdisciplinary in nature

### Analysis

Women studies and Gender studies both mainly focus on the issues faced by the women. The main difference is between the way of highlighting the problems. Women studies discussed in detail the problems and solutions of the difficulties faced by the women. Whereas gender studies discuss how the socially constructed criteria of assessing women, male and transgender is affecting humans.

### Difference between sex and gender.

#### Sex

- It is a biological way of defining the human and other things.
- It is naturally defined as male by Allah.
- The identity is sex.

#### Gender

- It is socially constructed.
- It is cultural as made by society.
- Identity of male is aggressiveness.



Courage, bravery, intelligence,  
determination, strong  
identity of female is  
passiveness, laziness,  
emotions, excessive  
passion.

- It is universal
  - Narrow
  - Policies are with respect to physical body
  - It is generally fixed
  - It is divisible into Male, female and Hermaphrodite
- It keeps changing  
Wider concept  
Policies are with respect to stereotype and traditional role  
May not be fixed. gender roles are flexible and ever changing. They vary across time and place and from one social group to another.  
may not be divided.

### Analysis:

Sex and gender are different. As sex is the biological term used for the human beings and other things. Gender is the specification of role given to the particular person depends on the society where the person resides. Dupatta is must for village women and is not compulsory when comes to



## Islamabad Women

QNo4

Discuss different types of feminism and their contribution in elevating the socio-economic status of women globally.

Introduction:

Feminism is a movement which aims at defending, establishing and providing equal social, political and economic rights for women as well as equal opportunities for them. Till date, there are three kinds of feminism witnessed, each with its specific goals and contributing in elevating the socio-economic status of women. First two were restricted to UK, US and Europe but the third wave of feminism elevate the women status globally.

Different types of feminism and their contributions in elevating the socio-economic status of women globally.

First Wave of feminism.

The first wave of feminism arose from the fact that women were considered as second rate citizen, they not had the right to vote.



to question or to do participation  
in Politics.

Thinking of the Scholars regarding  
Women

Thinking of the scholars of that time  
was very conservative, then one  
can imagine the mindset of the  
ordinary man.

Thomas Jefferson, prominent founder  
of the United States says.

" Women place is in house  
and not in politics

Charles Darwin says -

" Man is intellectually  
superior to women.

Why the need of movement:

Movement originated  
from the question what ought  
to be the condition of the  
women and what actually  
is the condition.

How the first wave of feminism  
started

Book of Mary Wollstonecraft "Vindication  
of the rights of women"

In 1792, Mary  
Wollstonecraft book named "Vindication  
of the rights of women" highlighted  
the discrimination done to  
the women. This book is  
remarkable in the development  
of women as it criticized



Women are equally Capable than men.

### Seneca-fall Convention of 1848:

The Seneca-fall Convention of 1848 provided the platform for the start of the first wave of feminism, to achieve the political rights of the women.

### Purpose of first wave feminism:

To get the political rights of women.

To end the discrimination

of women.

Get the right to vote

### Organizations which helped the first wave feminism:

#### National Women Suffrage Movement:

It was established in USA in 1869. Its purpose was to fight for the right of women.

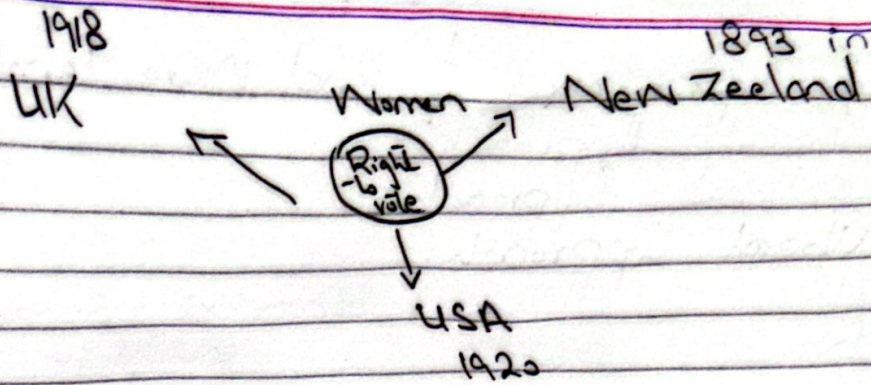
#### Women Social and Political Union:

J.S. Mill gave proposal in UK in the house of Commons for giving the women's rights to vote but defeated.

First Wave of feminism ended  
from 1848 to 1920.

Wave purpose was to get the right to vote was achieved.





### Key features of the first wave feminism

- End of discrimination, restriction on Women.
- Emancipation which is freedom from discrimination
- To achieve equality.

### 2nd Wave of feminism:

In UK and USA:-

Just like UK and USA

### 2nd Wave feminism:-

Restricted to UK and USA:-

Just like first wave

feminism, it is, restricted to UK and USA

### Reasons for start of 2nd wave feminism

Failure of 1st wave feminism in granting the social-economic and educational rights to Women.

1st wave feminism was in view that generating Political rights will give all other rights but failed. So start of 2nd wave feminism.



## Two approaches of 2nd Wave feminism

- 1 Liberal Approach
- 2 Radical Approach

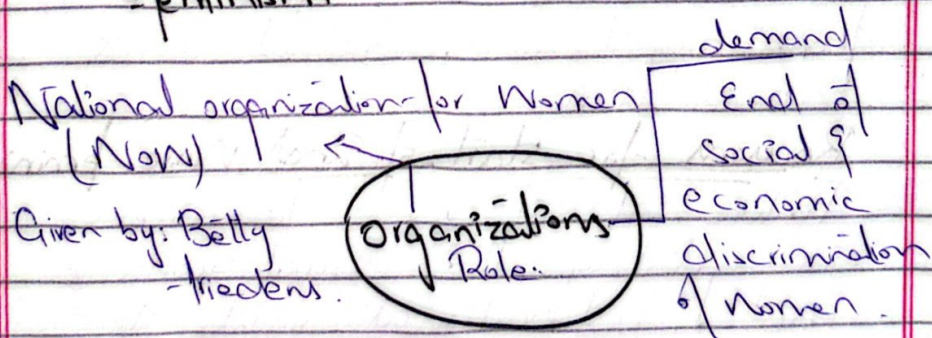
### Liberal approach:-

Liberal approach scope was to revive the social-economics and educational rights of women.

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Betty Friedan's book "The feminine mystique" in 1963 played a major role in 2nd wave of feminism. It criticized the fact that women are satisfied and happy at home and also criticized the roles of women as all roles are associated with men.

### Organizations which boost 2nd Wave of feminism



### 2 Radical approach:-

It raised voices against the Miss America beauty contest. It criticized the idea of women objectification. Contest in 1968 - great backlash.

### Third Wave feminism purpose:-



- for women objectification.  
It demands to end the oppression which is to change the traditional culture and mindset of men.  
Book "The Second Sex":

Book of Simon de Beauvoir in 1949 played the important role by saying that the issues related to women are deep rooted and to change new ideas, practice require. Book further developed by Kate Millet in 1970 as "Sexual politics" and by Shulamith Firestone as "The Dialectics of Sex".

Key features of 2nd Wave feminism:

To end the oppression which is to change tradition, culture, thinking related to women. Revolution is needed rather than legislation.

Women cannot be satisfied in men areas.

Third Wave feminism:

Originated by rejected the 2nd wave of feminism.

It rejects the core idea of 2nd wave of feminism - It rejected the way of putting all of the women's oppression under one umbrella.

Third Wave feminism purpose:



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Culture, ethnicity and their area

### Key features of Third Wave

- feminism:

- Non-Universality: It rejects generalization  
Man made categories of masculine,  
-feminine, male, -female are rejected.
- Intersectionality - Women condition  
determined by - the intersection of  
many factors like race, class,  
ethnicity etc
- Cultural Relativism:

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- Plurality and diversity:-

It means - that being different  
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- the diversity.

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Diversification of - feminism.

Post-colonial  
- feminism

Grievances of  
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## Analysis:-

### Weakening of Feminist Policies:

After the rejection of 2nd wave feminist feminist movements weakened, scattered, unity broken.

Each feminism contributed in elevating the socio-economic status of women globally.

### Contribution of each movement

<u>1st Wave</u>	<u>2nd Wave</u>	<u>Third wave</u>
Political rights, right to vote Contribution to UK, USA women	Economic, social and educational contribution to UK, USA women	Political, economic, social educational contribution to all of women of the world.

### Conclusion:-

Each of the movement contributed in the socio-economic status of the women. To overcome the flaws of the 1st wave of feminism 2nd wave of feminism arose and so the 3rd wave of feminism. Hence, different organizations established due to the influence of these movements.

