

# Important Note to get Good marks in Gender Studies:

Marks would be given on the following parameters

a- Content 60% References 15% Subject specific language 15%. Graphs and charts 10%

## Question: 21

1. Critically examine the differences between gender studies and women studies. Shed light on sex vs gender debate as well.

Add 12-13 headings in each question

the questions carry 3-4 parts. each part has equal weightage so discuss all equally

gender studies

women studies

use subject specific jargons e.g. Patriarchy, entrenched traditional values etc. Also, do not add blunt statements

## Difference between Gender

## Studies and Women Studies

use types, waves and theories of feminism as references

### Definition

attempt all parts in the question do not neglect one

#### Gender Studies

It is the scientific study that focuses on how biological orientations of male and female translates into

social categories of men and women.

#### Women Studies

Women studies refer to studying women and their issues in the society exclusively

add facts and figures to support your argument

add pictorial description as well

Add names of many Wollstonecraft, Judith Butler, Stuart Mill, Simone de Beauvoir, Rafia Zakria, Rubina Seghal, Farzani Bari etc. in relevant arguments to make your paper attractive.

good luck

Gender Studies

women Studies

Origin

It is offshoot of 3rd wave of feminism

women studies is the offshoot of 2nd wave of feminism and predecessor of gender studies

Research Focus

Gender studies inclusively incorporates subjects like intersectionality, race, class of various genders in its research focus

Research focus of women studies is exclusively women.

Scope

Gender studies have a broader scope including all genders.

women studies is limited in its scope to women only

Goals

To bring gender equality for all genders

To highlight and deal with the issues of women only

Not the academic way to address the question

### Theoretical Orientation

Theoretical orientation of gender studies lie in post modern school of feminism

Theoretical orientation of women studies lie in radical school of feminism

### Focus of language biases

Gender studies focus language biases of all genders

Language biases for women are considered only.

### Liberal/conservative Approach

Gender studies is liberal in its approach, being inclusive in nature.

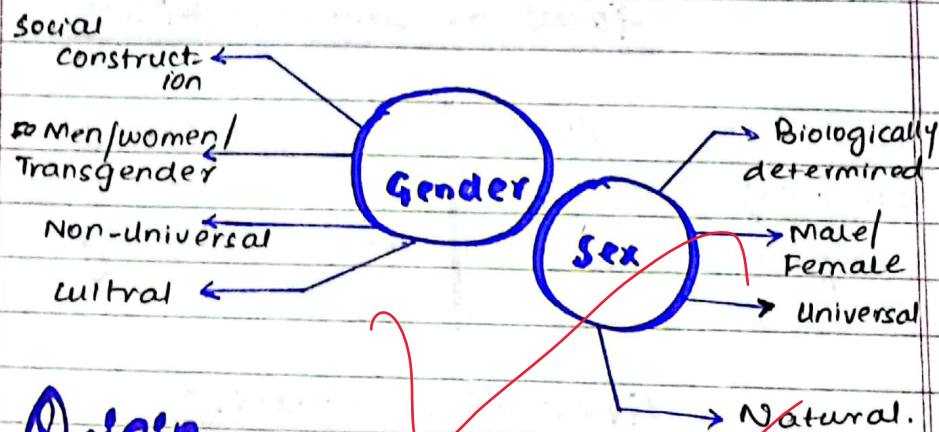
Being exclusive in nature, women studies have a conservative approach.

## Sex Vs Gender Debate

### Sex:

Sex refers to the biologically determined category or an individual, be it male or female.

Gender: Gender refers to the social translation of biologically determined categories of male and female into men and women.



## Origin

Gender has a social origin while Sex has a natural origin determined by genetic expression.

## Social Construction / Biological Determinism

Gender is socially constructed. Its social construction is based on biological categories of male and female. Gender is assigned on the basis of genetics. On the other hand, sex is biological.

ably determined. Individual with XX chromosomes is labelled as female. while the one with XY chromosomal orientation is labelled as male. These categories of male and female then become the basis of gender categorization.

### Universality of Sex and Gender.

Concept of gender is not universal. It varies from culture to culture and also changes over time. On the other hand, sex is a universal concept, with universal categories of XX and XY.

For example, the description of feminine / being women varies from culture to culture, but the description of female is universal across cultures, and is based on biology.

### Flexibility in Gender and Sex.

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## Question: 2

Discuss the evolution of feminist thoughts in Pakistan by highlighting the development of gender studies as an academic discipline in the country.

### Evolution of Feminists

### Thoughts in Pakistan

Feminist thought has evolved much in Pakistan since its inception. This is evident by the fact of ever increasing feminists movements and expressions in the country along-with the development of gender studies as an academic discipline in the country. Following

marks the timeline of evolution of feminist thoughts in the country, amidst the development of gender studies.

Pre 1970s period

The feminism in Pakistan during period before 1970s, was largely based on women welfare by traditional methods and via operations of NGOs.

1970s - 1990s

Emergence of feminism based movements during 2nd and 3rd waves, along with the initial <sup>progress</sup> processing of women studies as an academic discipline

1990s and onwards

Graduate and masters programs in gender studies in universities.



### Emerging Trends

Digitization and intersectionality of gender studies with various disciplines has enhanced awareness of feminist thought in the country.

## Development of Gender Studies and Evolution of Feminist Thought in Pakistan

Feminist thought in Pakistan has progressed over time, due to the development of gender studies as an academic discipline. Following measures were promoted to promote gender studies as a discipline and enhance awareness of feminist thoughts.

### (i) Ministry of Women Development and National Commission of Women Development

Ministry of Women Development (1972) has proactively taken steps to

to cultural diversity

to promote women studies as an academic discipline. It works to improve literacy rates among women and reduce discrimination against women. National commission on women development has also promoted information collection and analysis of information on feminist subjects, thus promoting feminist thoughts side by side advancing gender studies as a discipline.

### ii) National Plan of Action

National plan of action, designed in 1998 to take actions for against discrimination against women and promote gender equality.

### i) Curricula Revision Committee

Steps taken by curricula revision committee regarding the academic discipline of gender studies, to proactively advanced the feminist thoughts eventually by promoting the field of gender studies. Following revisions were added.

Inclusion of gender studies in competitive exams like civil service

to cultural diversity

## Gender sensitive syllabus drafting

### Alame - e - Naswan

started in 1994. Alame - e - Naswan is the journal dedicated to research on women studies. It serves as an established tool to promote feminism <sup>via</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>access to</sup> research advancement in the field of gender studies.

### Pakistan Association of women Studies

Formed in 1991. Pakistan Association of women studies is actively propagating the feminist cause and act as a networking platform for scholars and activists.

### Centres of Excellence

In late 1980s, centres of excellence were built in universities to promote women studies and aid in the awareness of feminist thought. These centres engaged population by private public partnerships.

## Institutional Advancement

various institutions in Pakistan are ~~pro~~ offering undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in gender studies, thus aiding in the development and propagation of feminist thought in the country.

- (i) Allama Iqbal Open University
- (ii) Women studies, center of excellence, in Karachi University.
- (iii) Women studies department, Jamshoro University, Sindh
- (iv) Women studies, Research and development centre at Fatima Jinnah University Rawalpindi
- (v) women studies department at Quaid-e-Azam University Islamabad.

Above mentioned are one of the leading institutes in Pakistan offering degrees in gender studies, and developing feminist thoughts across the country.

## Conclusion

By academic and institutional supports, the development of gender studies have added the progress of feminist thought in the country. The evolution of feminism in Pakistan has been greatly contributed by the progress of gender studies as an academic discipline.

## Question: 4

Discuss different types of feminism and their contribution in elevating the socioeconomic status of women globally.

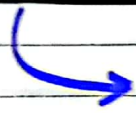
## Introduction

Feminism, since its inception has made paramount amount of progress in elevating the socioeconomic status of women.

Different brands of feminism including liberal, radical, marxist, post-modern and men's feminism have contributed to elevate the

socioeconomic status of women in various ways.

**Feminism**

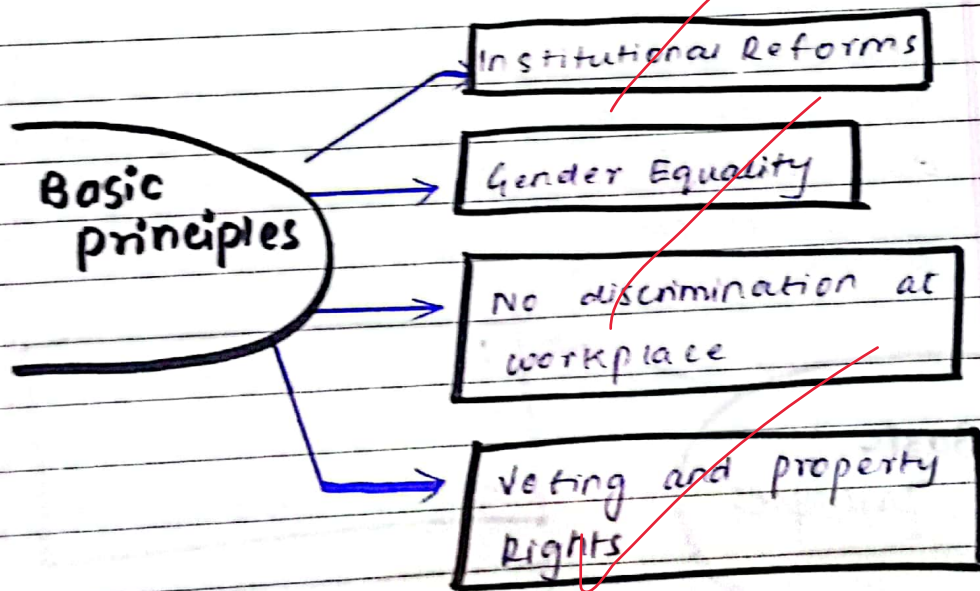


Advocacy of equal rights of women based on equality of sexes

Types of feminism and their Contribution in elevating the socioeconomic status of women globally

Liberal feminism

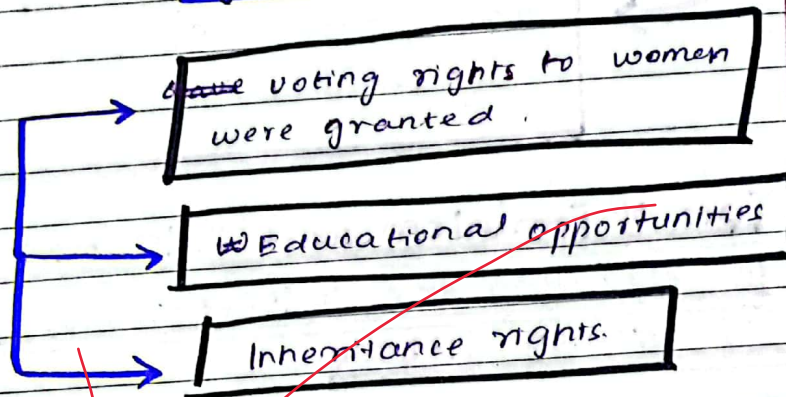
One of the initial school of thoughts on feminism, with the following basic principles of operation.



Liberal feminism seeks to bring gender

equality by institutional reforms.

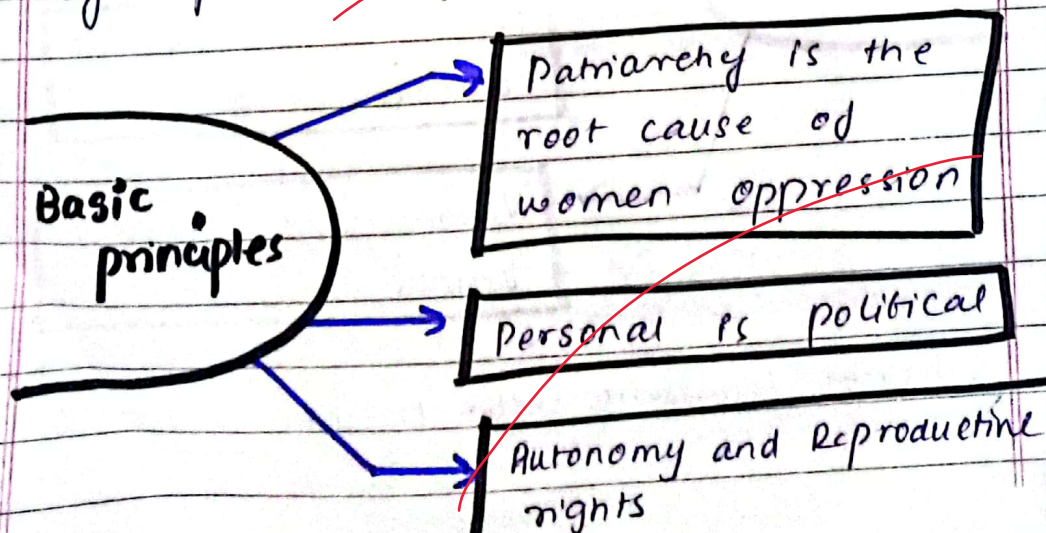
### Role in Elevating Socioeconomic Status of women



All these rights were granted under by bringing reforms in institutions/ amendments to constitution

### ii) Radical Feminism

Radical feminism came as a critique to liberal feminism, which didn't address the root cause of oppression of women.



Basic principles

Demand systemic change  
over institutional reforms

challenged/opposed  
traditional gender  
roles

Role in elevating socio economic  
status of women.

challenged Patriarchal norms  
• women only places

Reformed Economic  
Cooperation and Awareness  
• sisterhood is powerful

Increased awareness and  
uplifted policies

## Marxist / socialist feminism

Marxist feminism advocates that  
capitalism is the root cause  
of women oppression while socialist  
feminism proclaims that both  
capitalism and patriarchy are the  
root cause to women oppression.

Marxist feminism

Capitalism is the  
cause to women  
exploitation



Socialist feminism

→ capitalism and patriarchy both are the cause to exploitation and oppression of women.

 Basic principles

capitalism and patriarchy: forces exploiting women: Dual oppression

Undervalued reproductive labor

 Role in Elevating Socioeconomic Status of women

→ Advocacy for labor rights

→ Recognition of unpaid labor

→ Equal pay Acts in countries across the globe

→ Collective Responsibility concept

 Post-modern Feminism

As a critique to earlier feminism theories, came post modern feminism

advocating universality of requirements  
of work of different communities,  
of race

Basic principles

Basic universality  
of requirements of  
work

Fluid characteristics  
of gender

Focuses intersectionality

### Role in Elevating Socio economic Status of women.

It has raised the economic status  
of women by highlighting  
the existence of intersection-  
ality, raising conversation  
in gender empowerment.

It also advocates for community  
efforts, against gender  
inequality, at grass root  
level.

### Men's feminism

men advocating role of men

in promoting gender equality

**Role played**

shared Domestic responsibilities

gender equality and raising awareness among men, to make it inclusive effort

challenged toxic (hegemonic) masculinity

Conclusion

Various forms of feminism has contributed in ~~the~~ various ways to promote gender equality to women globally. From reforms, legislations to awareness raising and challenging traditional norms and roles, feminism has done it all.

Question: 08

b. write a short note on  
Autonomy vs. Integration  
debate

# Autonomy VS Integration

## Debate

In early 1990s, arose the autonomy vs integration debate, focusing on whether to integrate the discipline of women gender studies with other disciplines or to maintain it as a separate independent subject. Both of point of views have their own benefits countering the each other.

## Autonomy Advocacy

Individuals advocating independent existence of gender studies as a subject, by giving following potential reasons to it.

### i) Comprehensive Analysis and strong focus

By keeping subject as an autonomous field, more in-depth analysis and comprehensive study is possible. It will keep focus to the core of subject, giving more space to comprehensive

study of inter and intra differences between and within particular gender.

(ii) Strong theoretical base

Comprehensive research focus on gender, allowing strong theoretical base to flourish.

(iii) Inclusive study of gender.

iv) Integration will lead to division of gender studies.

Advocates of Integration

Approach.

↳ Broad reach can be acquired by integration of subject with other major disciplines

↳ strong practical base

↳ cost effective.

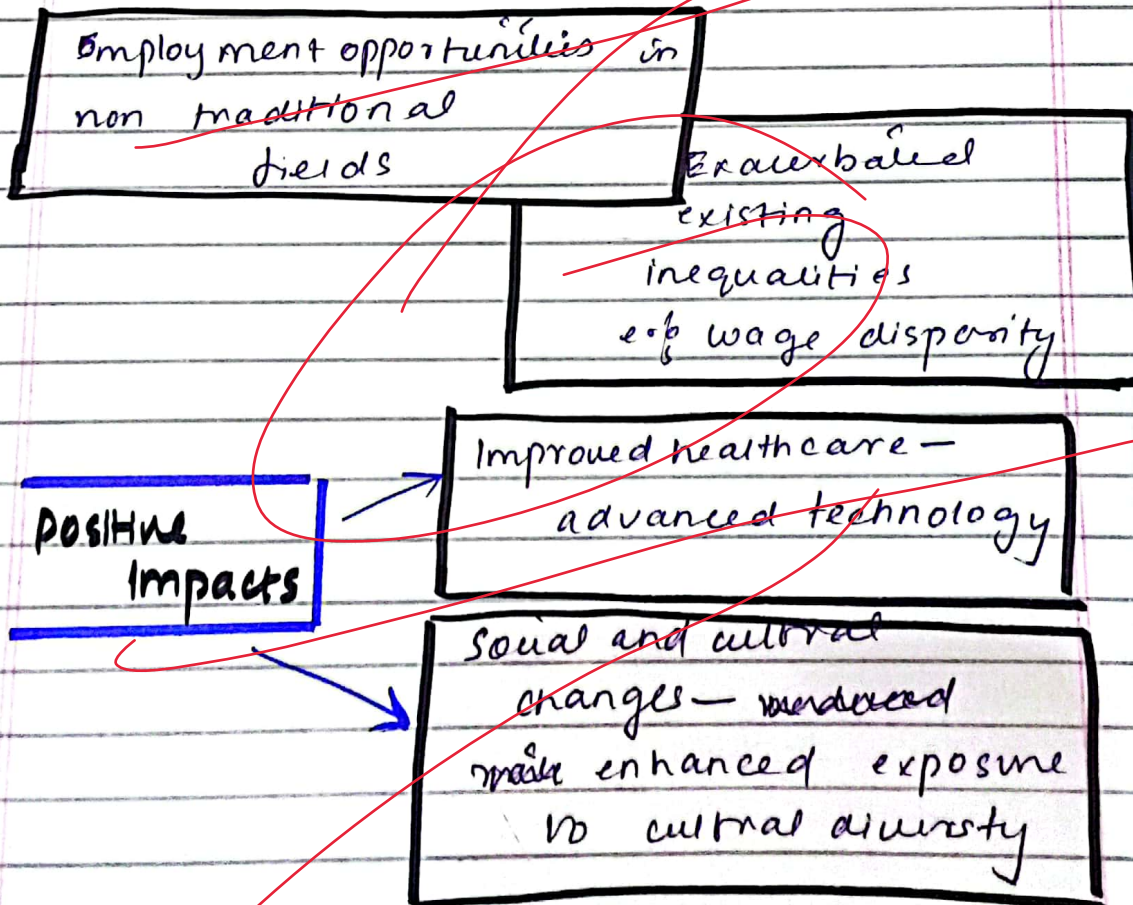
## Question: 86

Write a short note on Globalization and women

### Introduction

Globalization has affected women, both in positive and negative ways. While on one side it has opened new opportunities for women in education, employment and political participation, it has increased existing inequalities and challenges to women.

### Globalization and Gender Equality



→ Enhanced access to education  
- advocacy of UN, WHO.

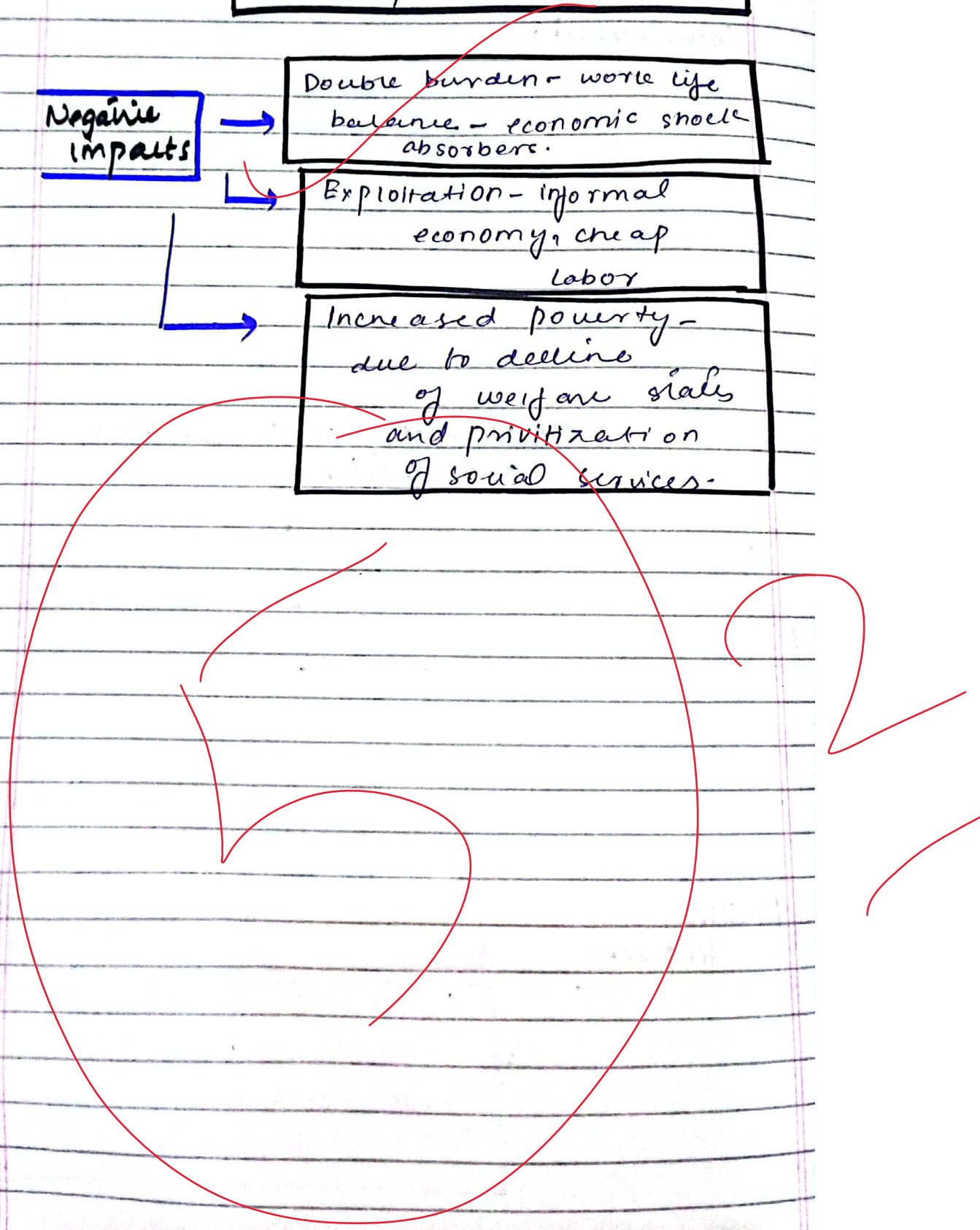
→ Economic autonomy - economic participation

Negative impacts

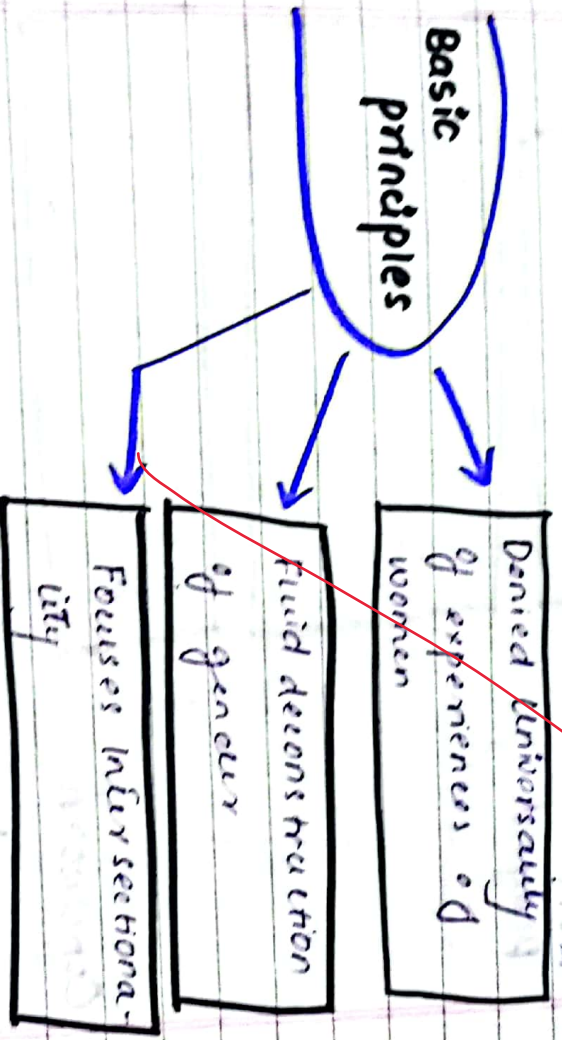
→ Double burden - work life balance - economic shock absorbers.

→ Exploitation - informal economy, cheap labor

→ Increased poverty - due to decline of welfare states and privatization of social services.



Denying universality of experiences of women of different class, culture, or race.



## Role in Elevating Socio economic Status of women.

It has elevated socio-economic status of women by highlighting the resilience of intersectionality, regarding intersectionality in gender experiences.

It also advocates for community efforts, against gender inequality, at grassroots level.

## Mens feminism

men, advocating role of men