

## Class test

### Essay paragraph: Women empowerment

Women empowerment is not a favour to be granted, it is a fundamental right long overdue. Women empowerment refers to enabling women to have equal access to education, economic opportunities and decision making power. In Pakistan, where women constitute **49.3%** of total population, their limited participation in economy and political spheres represents a significant loss of national potential. Social norms, patriarchal structures, and limited access to quality education restrict women's participation in public life. Economic dependence further deepens vulnerability, making a lot of women subject to domestic abuse. Moreover, under-representation in politics weakens inclusive policymaking. However, examples such as Malala Yousafzai's advocacy for girls' education and increasing presence of women in civil services, evident by **48%** allocations of women as per FPSC reports of 2024 proves that when structural barriers

are reduced and opportunities are provided on merits, women emerges as capable leaders and can also contribute meaningfully to governance. Empowered women not only contribute to household stability but also to economic growth and social development. Therefore, women empowerment is not merely a gender issue, it is a pre-requisite for sustainable national development. A nation that uplifts its women, secures its own future.