

MOCK EXAM - FINAL ~ 2026

ESSAY

"one is not born a woman,
but becomes one" - simon de Beauvoir

Outline

I. Introduction

(A) Hook

(B) Background

(C) Thesis Statement: The perceptions and identities of women is shaped by society - Society calls/considers women as societal being rather than autonomous one. The complex interplay between Gender and Society highlights the limited nature of women.

II. Dissecting the concept of Simon De Beauvoir

(A) Women role and patriarchal concerns

(B) Gender versus Society

Case study: Judith Butler's views

(C) Biological Determinism and social constructivism

III. Women are considered as objects

(A) Identity of women, Freedom, and opportunities

(B) Women: associated with men

(C) Commodification of women

IV. IS Society Shapes the perceptions of women?

(A) Rural area and women emancipation

(B) Controlled environment

(C) Honor killing: Alarm for women

V. Pakistani Societies and Women concerns

(A) No right to Education, Health concern, and vote

(B) Forced marriages

(C) Women: socially constructed beings

VI - Reforms: Way to remove social disparities

(A) By enhancing the status of women

(B) Equality between men and women

(C) Women identities: society

acceptance.

- (D) Role of Media and Women freedom
- (E) Resources: Check and balance by Government

"Islam gives importance to Women issues but Patriarchal societies restrict women in many areas"

Women are historically and culturally bound by society. The society plays a vital role to suppress women identities and their roles. The construction of laws of the society and Female rejection to accept these laws lead to the degradation of women. Women as a mother, wife, and daughter fulfill the demands of society and praise them for their survival. Women is not born as an individual being but is born as an social being. Feminists argued for their role as societal concern rather than their own liberation. Waves of Feminism emerged to

highlight the causes of women suppression and control these causes in many ways. But, the root causes hinders women freedom and their rights. The concept of Simon De Beauvoir to Judith Butler perpetuates the consequences of those women who lives in a ^{particular} society and that society shapes their perceptions as well.

- Women are socially constructed -

The debate between sociological concerns and biological means is evident and a subject of attention among many authors - Women are considered as objects : identities, Freedom, and opportunities are labelled by social norms. Women bodies are also sold out for earning in a Marxist culture. This showcases how a society is cruel to women and create a gender bias. Moreover, the societies of Pakistan specifically in tribal areas deeply impacts on women roles and labelled them as a toy not a person. Forced marriages, honor killings,

and limited ways to get education are common examples to identify that how women are bounded to norms and values of society in Pakistani culture as well. The only way to improve these social disparities is to given women as equal importance and enhance their status in society.

To begin with the basic concern of Simon De Beauvoir,

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but becomes one

it is easy to describe the basic necessities of women and cultural conflicts. A culture where patriarchy is common never forward a women development concerns. Women are just degraded in this particular society. It's not about the concern of injustice, discrimination, or society but it's a matter of socio-cultural methods in which all these practices arise.

Misogyny and polygamy
are social perspectives.

Misogyny - hatred against women
and polygamy - husband have more

than one wives depicts the nature of the status of women in society. Men only follows the rules of society and do anything they want. But, women are restricted, bounded, and degraded and society doesn't pay attention to this. The relationship between gender and society determines in this case.

Gender is Socially Performative (Judith Butler)

By keeping the view of Butler one's can easily identify how a society liber and how a society puts women and men into specific roles. Women are only limited to domestic chores and men are responsible for earning money is defined by society. Woman is a gender that performs these functions. The debate between biological determinism and social constructivism arose in this case. Biological facts - Gender at birth time, men/women difference, sex and sociological facts - shapes these roles and genders by their

own way is a hot topic to distinguish the norms and values of a society.

Another perspective that defines social institutions is considering women as objects. Women identities are perceived and shaped by these institutions not by their own gender/freedom. The distinction between the roles of women and men creates a boundary in which women often criminalizes by society. Women have limited opportunities in societal school of thought. This school of thought always remain women in domesticity and put women to achieve only social goals. Women associates with men, obviously in a society that shapes perceptions of women and ordered them to put account in these values often forward women to serve men. It's a social institution, social thought, societal goal that a women only serve men and dependent on them. an individual (women) -

"Andrea Dworkin, a radical feminist criticizes the patriarchy and commodification of women".

The belief that women are only bound to homes by society is not only the way to define women struggles and emancipation.

Patriarchal societies commodify women identities. Marxist culture is the best example. Women bodies are sold out for earning and women work having no benefit is crucial in that type of culture.

Although, society exercises ^{their} rules by saying women as a sensitive being but due to the degradation by this society often portrays women suppression. Through this, the identities of women and freedom is suppressed by patriarchal societies - Women are only considered as a tool of oppression not as happier being.

Furthermore, Women oppression or
manipulation is seen in rural
areas - Rural areas often oppress
women identities and their
rights. Rural women are only
born to serve society and this
hegemony is created by
society.

— Women is passive, subordinate,
and submissive by nature
as portrayed by
society —

The significant controlled environment
eliminated all the ways ~~for~~ women
freedom. Society shapes the
women perceptions because when
one's see the degradable
consequences of another one
the sense of fear born.

Honor killing is an alarm
for women. In rural areas
like KP, and Balochistan it
is very common - Men - Brothers,
husbands, Fathers, and close
neighbours kills women due
to their honor portray a
consequence of society perceptions
for an individual (women) -

A case study shows that women becomes victim of male violence in a society.

In addition to this concept, Pakistani societies often portray women as a subject of subordinate ones. Women have no right to education, health concern, and vote even Pakistan's Constitution gave them particular rights. But societies usually limits this for inferiority of women.

"Educating girls eliminates poverty"

Article (25-A) gives a right to women that they exercise the benefit of education but in provinces like Balochistan, KP and backward areas create barriers in the way of this matter.

"48% of women in Pakistan have no concern in health matter"

This showcases how a women could be marginalized by societal thoughts. Forced marriages is one of the main outcome of marginalized societies.

Right to vote is also limited by patriarchal institutions. Women in Pakistan have no benefits to reach polling station for vote. This underscores how society undervalues women and shapes the perceptions of women.

Lastly, the whole debate categorize the role of women in society -

Although, it has many challenges but reforms could removed these social disparities -

As Simon de Beauvoir explains women are socially constructed not by biological ones and this created a binary between men and women -

The status of women in a society is degradable but enhancing the status of women, a

concept of women's liberation

arised in this outcome - men

and women are two genders

and by giving them equal

resources and opportunities enhance

women's freedom. Society accept

women as an individual

being so women should be

liberated. Media also highlight

the circumstances so women's role in society would change. Because media also shapes the perspectives of individuals in a society - Government is the main institution that enhances the status of women. By enhancing the role of women, it is easy for any society to achieve prosperity. Government laws is beneficial in this case.

In conclusion, Society plays a efficient role to marginalize women's identities. The society holds a view of women as socially constructed being not biological one. The binary between these two perspectives provides a lens to highlight the consequences of women suppression - Simon de Beauvoir concept of socially constructed. Women role is highly evident in the way to define the society limitations for women. Moreover, the societies of Pakistan (rural areas) labelled women as an object rather than autonomous being.

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The whole debate concluded with reforms that when a society adopts some reforms so it enhances the status of women. This would create a equitable society that doesn't suppress women values.

— Women got independence by law, and by religion —
