

**Ambedkar University Delhi (AUD) and Centre for Women's  
Development Studies (CWDS)**

**Sample Question Paper  
M.Phil in Women's and Gender Studies, Entrance Exam**

Duration: 2 hours

Total marks: 50

**Please read the instructions carefully.**

- 1. All questions carry equal weightage.**
- 2. Question 1 is compulsory.**
- 3. Please answer any ONE out of the three questions in Section II.**
- 4. Readings are a reference point. However, please don't limit your answer to the readings.**
- 5. The answer-sheet provided is for 12 pages and No Extra Sheet will be provided.**

**Section I - Compulsory question: (25 marks)**

Q 1. Discuss your interest in pursuing an M. Phil. in Women's and Gender Studies in relation to (a) your proposed research topic and (b) the subject of your Master's degree. What according to you are the main issues in conducting research in Women's and Gender Studies?

**Section II - Answer any ONE question out of the three given below: (25 marks)**

Q 2. In her essay "How Real is the Bogey of Feminization?" Nirmala Banerjee probes questions relating to women's work. What are the main issues she raises? What, according to you, are the major issues affecting women's work in India today?

Q 3. The Open Letter to the Chief Justice of India by four law professors became a rallying point in the 1980s on issues relating to rape and violence against women. What were the main arguments made in the Open Letter? How would you relate these arguments to current debates on rape and violence in India today?

Q4. "Alternate versions of the Ramayana: Views from below" is an excerpt from the work of the writer Nabaneetha Dev Sen. What is Sen attempting to do in this essay? What other ways would you suggest that the Ramayana be approached from a feminist perspective?