

## Instructions for Preparing for Gender Studies Examination and Interview

Applicants would be assessed to establish their critical and analytical abilities. Familiarity and interest in issues of gender and society in general would be an advantage. Regular reading of newspapers, exposure to media, thinking about social issues would help.

A critical interest literature and an ability to grasp the nuances of the gendered nature of the world that we live in would be very vital.

Typically, candidates might be given either a passage from landmark feminist writings, autobiographies, classic social sciences literature, newspaper reports, works of fiction, film clips and other images and asked to engage with it critically.

Some familiarity with current debates within the women's movement and issues concerning gender and politics would also help.

An interdisciplinary orientation and an interest in diverse reading materials would be appreciated.

Please watch the video weblinks shared on the University website carefully before appearing for the entrance examination. You would be questioned on your critical understanding of these videos.

You could also consider reading some of these books to get you started.

Menon, Nivedita. *Seeing like a Feminist*. New Delhi: Zuban, 2012.

Geetha, V. *Patriarchy: Theorizing Feminism Series*. Kolkata: Stree, 2007.

Geetha, V. *Gender*. Kolkata: Stree, 2002.

John, Mary. *Women's Studies in India: A Reader*. New Delhi: Penguin Books, 2008.

Narrain, Arvind. *Because I Have a Voice: Queer Politics in India*. New Delhi: Yoda Press, 2005.