

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 and thinking about social issues would help. A critical interest in 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 see the materials shared on the University website carefully before appearing for the entrance examination.¹ You would be questioned on your critical understanding of these materials.

Written exam: 3rd July, 2018 at 2.00 pm

Time: 90 minutes

Check the sample question paper for reference

Interview: 10 & 11 July, 2018

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

Reading List

Chakravarty, Uma. *Gendering Caste Through a Feminist Lens*. Kolkata: Stree, 2003.

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

¹ if you are physically challenged and find it difficult to access the material, please contact the admission coordinator for special instructions

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

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

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

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