

Entrance Examination - 2024
Ph.D. (Gender Studies)

Time 2 hours

Maximum Marks: 70

Hall Ticket No. _____

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Write your Hall Ticket Number on the OMR Answer Sheet given to you and also write the Hall Ticket Number in the space provided above.
2. This question paper is divided into **Part A and Part B and consists of 70 multiple-choice** questions. Questions in Part A are on Research Methodology, and questions in Part B are subject-specific.
3. Each question carries **one** mark. There is no negative marking.
4. Answers are to be marked on the OMR answer sheet following the instructions provided thereupon.
5. Handover the OMR answer sheet at the end of the examination to the invigilator.
6. No additional sheet(s) will be provided. Rough work can be done in the question paper itself/space provided at the end of the booklet.

PART A

1. Feminist research calls for

- A. Removal of power imbalance
- B. Reinforcement of hegemony
- C. Highlighting objectivity
- D. None of the above

2. Feminist Epistemology

- A. Does not believe in knowledge production
- B. Reinforces phallogocentric worldview
- C. Focuses on situated knowledge
- D. Believes in a single knowledge system

3. Feminist research methodology is

- A. Apolitical
- B. Positivist
- C. Inspired by social movements
- D. None of the above

4. Confidentiality is crucial

- A. In research ethics
- B. To maintain the privacy of the participants
- C. To maintain the autonomy of the participants
- D. All the above

5. Concerning informed consent of the gender violence survivors, which of the following is wrong?

- A. At the outset, respondents must be informed of the purpose and nature of the study
- B. Once a respondent consents, they cannot withdraw consent
- C. The respondent can withdraw consent at any point
- D. The possible outcomes must be shared with the respondents

6. Androcentric research is characterised by

- A. Focus on cisgender men
- B. Use of masculine pronouns
- C. Evaluation of individuals and cultures based on male perspectives and standards
- D. All the above

7. Self-reflexivity requires the researcher to

- A. Set aside any awareness of their social location
- B. Be sympathetic towards the researched
- C. Examine how their values, beliefs, and emotions influence the research process
- D. None of the above

8. _____ analyses the 'fault lines' between women sociologists' experience as sociologists and as women.

- A. Sandra Harding
- B. Dorothy Smith
- C. Patricia Hill Collins
- D. Shulamith Firestone

9. Sandra Harding argues that _____ is a theory of knowledge that delineates a set of assumptions about the social world, who can be a knower and what can be known.

- A. Epistemology
- B. Methodology
- C. Feminism
- D. Ontology

10. _____ uses the term oppositional gaze to discuss gaze as power.

- A. bell hooks
- B. Kamla Bhasin
- C. Gloria Anzaldua
- D. Trinh T Minh-ha

11. _____ approaches call for strong objectivity to replace the only weak and broad objectivist notion characteristic of mainstream methodology.

- A. Experiential
- B. Standpoint
- C. Narrative
- D. Textual

12. Donna Haraway critiques the traditional notion of scientific objectivity as
- A. God Trick
 - B. Rationality
 - C. Scientific Ethic
 - D. Objectivity
13. _____ problematises Black women's location as 'outsiders within'.
- A. Sojourner Truth
 - B. Angela Davis
 - C. Patricia Hill Collins
 - D. Kimberle Crenshaw
14. _____ argues that 'feminism supplies the perspective and the disciplines supply the method. The feminist researcher exists at their intersection'.
- A. Shulamith Reinharz
 - B. Liz Stanley
 - C. Nancy Naples
 - D. Diane Woolf
15. The possibility of distinct feminist methods are
- A. Justified
 - B. Compulsory
 - C. A positive development in feminist epistemology
 - D. Uncertain
16. Co-operative Conflict is an approach employed to understand
- A. Women cooperating despite conflicting interest
 - B. Women cooperating in expectation of some equality in future
 - C. Gender conflict
 - D. All the above

17. Match the following.

<p>a. Is there a feminist method? b. Can there be a feminist ethnography? c. What is 'transversal politics'? d. The rise of <i>new</i> Dalit women in Indian historiography</p>	<p>1. Nira Yuval-Davis 2. Sandra Harding 3. Shailaja Paik 4. Judith Stacey</p>
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18. Which of the following is not among the seven research ethics?

- A. Informed consent
B. Independent review
C. Respect for the respondents
D. Replication of previous research

19. ----- is one of the editors of the book *Re-Presenting Feminist Methodologies: Interdisciplinary Explorations*.

- A. Kalpana Kannabiran
B. V. Geetha
C. Charu Gupta
D. Meena Gopal

20. Maitree Wickramasinghe's book is titled *Feminist Research Methodology*: -----

- A. *A Critical Study*
B. *Making Meanings of Meaning-Making*
C. *Meaning Making and Making Meanings*
D. *Ethical Dilemmas*

21. Sharmila Rege describes Phule-Ambedkarite Feminist Pedagogies as

- A. Transformative Pedagogies
B. Regressive Practices
C. Biassed Theories
D. Irrelevant Methodologies

22. Which of the following are among the qualitative research design approaches?

- A. Phenomenology
- B. Ethnography
- C. Grounded Theory
- D. All the above

23. Which of the following are among the qualitative research methods?

- A. Interviews
- B. Focus Groups
- C. Observation
- D. All the above

24. What is the first step in research design?

- A. Formulating a hypothesis
- B. Judging the respondents
- C. Identifying a research problem
- D. None of the above

25. NFHS and NSS are

- A. National Family Health Survey and National Sample Survey
- B. National Family Health Survey and National Shareable Survey
- C. Non-Shareable Family Health Survey and National Sample Survey
- D. None of the above

26. The three types of authorship considered unacceptable by research ethics are

- A. Ghost authors, guest authors, gift authors
- B. Multiple authors, guest authors, gift authors
- C. Ghost authors, single authors, gift authors
- D. None of the above

27. Fabrication and falsification in research

- A. Include manipulating data and data images
- B. Are not approved by research ethics
- C. Considered research fraud
- D. All the above

28. Participatory Action Research

- A. Prioritises experiential research
- B. Participation is the defining principle
- C. Employs empirical research approach
- D. All the above

29. *The Other Side of Silence* by Urvashi Butalia can be described as

- A. Feminist Historiography
- B. Women's Histories
- C. Gender and Nation-Making
- D. All the above

30. Translation plays an instrumental role in fieldwork

- A. In communicating with the respondents
- B. In transcribing the fieldwork narratives
- C. In emphasising the importance of familiarity with the language of the field
- D. All the above

Read the following paragraph and answer the questions from 31 to 35.

Some methodologies regard the values and beliefs, practices and customs of communities as 'barriers' to research or as exotic customs with which researchers need to be familiar in order to carry out their work without causing offence. Indigenous methodologies tend to approach cultural protocols, values and behaviours as an integral part of methodology. They are 'factors' to be built into research explicitly, to be thought about reflexively, to be declared openly as part of the research design, to be discussed as part of the final results of a study and to be disseminated back to the people in culturally appropriate ways and in a language than can be understood. This does not preclude writing for academic publications but is simply part of an ethical and respectful approach. There are diverse ways of disseminating knowledge and of ensuring that research reaches the people who have helped make it. Two important ways not always addressed by scientific research are to do with 'reporting back' to the people and 'sharing knowledge'. Both ways assume a principle of reciprocity and feedback.

(Linda Tuhiwai Smith, *Decolonizing Methodologies: Research and Indigenous Peoples*)

31. What does the writer emphasise about research in the above paragraph?
- A. Any methodology can be used to research any field
 - B. Ethical and respectful approaches need not be followed
 - C. Research should reach the people who have helped make it
 - D. None of the above
32. What do reporting back and sharing knowledge ensure?
- A. A principle of reciprocity and feedback
 - B. An approach of objectivity
 - C. A location of distance
 - D. Strong objectivity
33. According to the writer, what is an integral part of indigenous methodologies?
- A. Personal opinions
 - B. Cultural protocols
 - C. Universal theories
 - D. Exotic customs
34. What does “culturally appropriate” mean in the above paragraph?
- A. Respectful understanding of the uniqueness and autonomy of the field
 - B. Using a theoretical lens to understand the researchability of the field
 - C. Analysing the field from the researcher’s location
 - D. Approaching the field as a knowing researcher
35. How would you summarise the gist of the above paragraph?
- A. Advocating for Indigenous research methodologies
 - B. Critiquing the colonial research methodologies
 - C. Building bridges between the researcher and the researched through shared knowledge
 - D. All the above

PART B

36. Margret Mead, in her anthropological work, depicts the lives of
- A. Women of Africa
 - B. Women from Southern America
 - C. Adolescent girls in Samoa
 - D. Crossdressers in Samoa
37. The term 'Matrilineal Puzzle' explains
- A. Maternal uncle's investment in matrilineal families
 - B. Mother's centrality in matrilineal structure
 - C. Strong bond among sisters
 - D. The resilience of matrilineality to male domination
38. Who among the following talked about the 'seed and earth analogy' in explaining gender symbolism and procreation?
- A. Kamala Ganesh
 - B. Leela Dube
 - C. Patricia Uberoi
 - D. Rajni Palriwala
39. The Koovagam Festival is associated with
- A. Mohini Myth
 - B. Ayyappan Myth
 - C. Aravan myth
 - D. Ardhanariswara
40. Who among the following talked about the heterosexualisation of Indian Modernity?
- A. Tanika Sarkar
 - B. Partha Chatterjee
 - C. Sanjay Srivastava
 - D. Prem Chowdhry
41. As per the Marxist Feminist understanding, Use value and Exchange value are
- A. Associated with femininity and masculinity
 - B. Subsistence labour
 - C. Market and home-based productions
 - D. Implicated in each other

42. The Bechdel test

- A. Measures the representation of women in film and media
- B. Measures the size of women's brains
- C. Measures emotional intelligence
- D. Measures the representation of men in film and media

43. Ecofeminism

- A. Highlights the connections between economics and feminism
- B. Refers to the economic exploitation of women
- C. Refers to the need for economic independence of women
- D. Highlights the connections between environmental degradation and women's oppression

44. What is the pink tax?

- A. Objectification of women
- B. Products marketed to women are more expensive than similar products marketed to men
- C. Stereotypes of feminine beauty
- D. Surveillance of women

45. Who among the following boxers faced a controversy surrounding her gender after an Olympic victory?

- A. Mary Kom
- B. Imane Khelif
- C. Laila Ali
- D. Nikhat Zareen

46. Sara Ahmed theorised the idea of _____ in her book *Living the Feminist Life*.

- A. Feminist Life
- B. Feminist Killjoy
- C. Sweaty Concepts
- D. Complaints

47. The term _____ is used to refer to a range of political assertions that implicitly or explicitly challenge the heteronormativity and institution of monogamous patriarchal marriage.

- A. Counter- heteronormative
- B. Outing- heteronormative
- C. Questioning- heteronormative
- D. Non-normative

48. The Age of Consent Bill controversy was concerned with the impact of child marriage on the development of _____

- A. Women and children
- B. Race
- C. Family
- D. Community

49. The phrase 'problem with no name' was used by _____ to examine American women's dissatisfaction with their lives in the 1950s and 60s.

- A. Betty Friedan
- B. Ann Oakley
- C. Simone de Beauvoir
- D. Audre Lorde

50. _____ argues that violence against nature is intrinsic to the dominant industrial/development model.

- A. Bina Agarwal
- B. Joan Mencher
- C. Vandana Shiva
- D. Gabrielle Dietrich

51. The author of the book *Borderlands/La Frontera: The New Mestiza* (1987) is

- A. Gloria Anzaldua
- B. Marcella Rios Tobar
- C. Ofelia Schutte
- D. Isabel Allende

52. Match the authors and their works.

<p>a. Mary Wollstonecraft b. Arlie Russell Hochschild c. Tarabai Shinde d. Padmini Swaminathan</p>	<p>1. <i>Stree Purush Tulana (A Comparison Between Women and Men)</i> 2. <i>A Vindication of the Rights of Woman</i> 3. <i>Women and Work</i> 4. <i>The Second Shift: Working Parents and the Revolution at Home</i></p>
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53. Match the people with their affiliations.

<p>a. Flavia Agnes b. Urvashi Butalia c. Susie Tharu d. Mandira Sen</p>	<p>1. Zubaan 2. Stree 3. Majlis 4. Anveshi</p>
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54. Which of the following is wrongly matched?

- A. Dalit Masculinities: S. Anandhi
B. Brahmanical Patriarchy: Uma Chakravarti
C. R. W. Connell: Third World Feminism
D. A. Revathi: *A Hijra Life Story*

55. Match the following.

<p>a. POSH Act b. Equal Remuneration Act c. Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act d. The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill</p>	<p>1. 2013 2. 1976 3. 2005 4. 2019</p>
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56. CEDAW means

- A. Convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women
- B. Confirmation of the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women
- C. Confirmation of the eradication of all forms of discrimination against women
- D. Conglomeration of the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women

57. Sustainable Development Goal 5 is listed as

- A. Gender Neutrality
- B. Gender Equality
- C. Empowerment of Women
- D. Quality Education

58. Arrange the following in a chronological order.

- A. Dowry Prohibition Act
- B. POCSO Act
- C. Hindu Widow Remarriage Act
- D. Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act

A. c a b d B. d b a c C. a b c d D. d c b a

59. Match the following.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ecriture feminine b. Womanspeak c. Gender Trouble d. Decolonising the Mind 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Judith Butler 2. Helen Cixous 3. Ngugi wa thiong'o 4. Luce Irigaray
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60. Who among the following referred to an unhappy marriage between Marxism and feminism?

- A. Katherine McKinnon
- B. Linda Alcoff
- C. Heidi Hartman
- D. None of the above

61. Housewifization is a concept developed by Maria Mies to indicate that

- A. Housewives and their labour are indispensable for capital accumulation
- B. Capitalism cannot function without patriarchy
- C. Capitalism relies on non-wage labour
- D. All the above

62. The Global Gender Gap Report 2024 by the World Economic Forum

- A. States that the global gender gap score stands at 68.5 per cent
- B. Notes an improvement of a mere 0.1 per cent from last year
- C. Says it would take 134 years to reach full gender parity
- D. All the above

63. Who among the following proposed intersectionality as an analytical framework?

- A. Kimberle Crenshaw
- B. Virginia Woolf
- C. Monique Wittig
- D. None of the above

64. The first Centre for Women's Studies in India was established in

- A. Savitribai Phule Pune University
- B. SNDT Women's University, Mumbai
- C. Osmania University, Hyderabad
- D. Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

65. *Towards Equality: Report of the Committee on the Status of Women in India* was published in

- A. 2023
- B. 1926
- C. 1899
- D. 1974

66. Who is the author of *Mental Health of Indian Women: A Feminist Agenda* (1999)?

- A. Bhargavi Davar
- B. U. Vindhya
- C. Renu Addlakha
- D. Maitrayee Chaudhuri

67. Gender budgeting

- A. entails a gender-based assessment of budgets
- B. incorporates a gender perspective at all levels of the budgetary process
- C. restructures revenues and expenditures to promote gender equality
- D. All the above

68. Transphobia means

- A. Irrational fear of gender non-conformity or gender transgression
- B. Fear of heterosexual normativity
- C. Prejudice against human beings
- D. None of the above

69. Who held that pornography is a civil rights issue for women?

- A. Gloria Steinem
- B. Andrea Dworkin
- C. Alice Walker
- D. Juliet Mitchell

70. The Combahee River Collective Statement was made by

- A. French feminists
- B. Radical feminists
- C. Black feminists
- D. Dalit feminists

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PART A

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