

**Unique Paper Code 62035922**

**Name of the Course: BA/BCom Program courses Generic Elective**

**Name of the paper: Contemporary India: Women and Empowerment  
Semester V**

**Marks: 75**

**Time limit: 3+1** (one hour reserved for downloading of question paper, scanning and uploading of answer sheets)

Students will attempt **any THREE questions.**

All questions carry equal marks. Answers to be written in **500-800 words.**

1. Do cultures influence sex- and gender roles? Or are such roles biological? Support your answer with the help of suitable examples.
2. What is patriarchy? Does it lead to creation of secondary roles for women? Give a reasoned answer with suitable examples.
3. Discuss any three issues taken up by the women's movement in Post-Independence India.
4. Dalit women are the most marginalised and discriminated group of people in India. Do you agree? Write an essay with examples from any one of the autobiographies prescribed for study.
5. "Sultana's Dream" shows us the feminist dream of freedom and equality being attained in Ladyland. Do you agree? Examine with close reference to the story.
6. What is domestic violence? Are domestic violence laws in India able to protect women and children sufficiently? Evaluate with respect to the prevailing laws.

