

Birla Institute of Technology and Science
Mid-Semester Examination
BITS F385
Introduction to Gender Studies
Closed Book
Attempt all the questions below

Total Marks: 30
Time: 1 hour and 30 minutes

Date: 9.10.2023

Please answer in order of the questions below. Use relevant examples wherever necessary. Respond critically.

1. Analyze the three important categories (sex, sex category and gender) as analyzed by West and Zimmerman. Why do you think they are opposed to the idea of gender being considered as a “role”? (10 marks).
2. Why was the phase of the Second Wave Feminist movement called radical? How did the Second World War impact the development of the movement? (5 marks).
3. Examine McIntosh’s analysis of the invisible knapsack. How does intersectionality complicate the idea of privilege? (3 + 2 = 5 marks).
4. What is the relevance of the discourse “the personal is political” in feminism? How would you map third wave feminism within the above? (5 marks).
5. Write short notes (2.5 + 2.5 = 5 marks):
 - a) Heteronormativity
 - b) People-first language vs identity-first language