

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

Full marks: 40
Time: 3 hours

Date: 6/12/2023

Please answer in order of the questions below:

Please provide reasonable examples wherever relevant.

1. Discuss the significance of the commodity-image system. Analyze the 4 impacts that Sut-Jhully discusses with respect to commodity-image system's influence on culture. (5 marks).
2. What are the implications of the second shift? Critically reflect upon the correlation between second shift and motherhood penalty. (5 marks).
3. How did the transition to capitalism contribute to the current understanding of labour and productivity? (5 marks).
4. What are the two ways in which women's labour intersect with globalization? How does the paradigm of emotional labour help analyze one of these intersections? (5 marks).
5. How would you theoretically analyze the role of media as an influencer and influenced particularly with respect to the portrayal of gender and minority identities? (5 marks).
6. Differentiate between marginalized and hegemonic masculinity. Give relevant examples. How does this play out in the Indian context? (10 marks).
7. Write short notes on (2.5 + 2.5= 5 marks):
 - a) Glass escalator.
 - b) Male Gaze.