

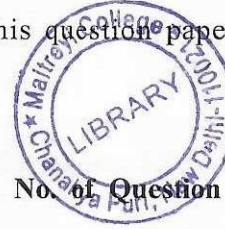
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9. What is domestic violence? Why are laws against it important? Discuss it in relation to the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act 2005.
10. Marriage continues to remain an institution that strengthens the caste/ community-based divisions in a patriarchal society. Do you agree? Discuss this statement with the help of suitable examples from contemporary India.

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Name of the Paper : Contemporary India, Women and Empowerment

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**Instructions for Candidates**

1. Write your Roll No. on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper.
2. **Part A** and **Part B** are both compulsory.
3. Attempt any **Three** questions each from **Parts A** and **B** respectively.

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**Part A**

Attempt any 3 questions. (3×10=30)

1. Discuss the definition of patriarchy and how it functions in contemporary Indian society with special reference to V. Geetha's *Patriarchy*.
2. Do stereotypes of motherhood strengthen the sexual division of labour and reinforce patriarchal violence? Discuss with reference to "Bayen".
3. Discuss the role of social reform in making education accessible to women in nineteenth and early twentieth century India.
4. Why does India have a poor gender ratio? Discuss one law that tries to address this issue specifically.
5. The norms of heterosexuality and patriarchy come together in the oppression of the LGBTQ community. Do you agree? Give a reasoned answer.

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**Part B**

Attempt any 3 questions. (3×15=45)

6. Partition narratives by women illustrate how patriarchal concepts of honour violate women's bodies and identities. Elaborate with the help of the prescribed text from Butalia as well as any other partition narratives you may have seen or studied.
7. With reference to the autobiography by Baby Kamble, critically comment on the interconnected nature of the relationship between patriarchy and the caste system.
8. Discuss the Constitutional protections for women offered under laws on property, conjugality, Hindu Marriage Act and personal laws. Draw on Flavia Agnes' essay 'Conjugality, Property, Morality and Maintenance' to substantiate your argument.