

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI – 86
(For candidates admitted from the academic year 2004 – 05 & thereafter)

SUBJECT CODE: EC/AO/WE43

B. A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2007
BRANCH IV - ECONOMICS
FOURTH SEMESTER

COURSE : ALLIED – OPTIONAL
PAPER : WOMEN, WORK AND THE ECONOMY
TIME : 3 HOURS. MAX. MARKS: 100

SECTION – A

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS. EACH ANSWER NOT TO EXCEED 50 WORDS.
(10 X 3 = 30)

1. What is gender? How is it different from biological sex?
2. Who is a feminist?
3. Can women be patriarchal?
4. 'Women are invisible workers'. Define.
5. Explain the meaning of the term 'sex stereo typed jobs'.
6. Name three occupations where women have broken the male stronghold.
7. Name three occupational hazards that women in particular face.
8. What is the "Glass Cliff"?
9. "Poverty has a female face". Explain.
10. What are the differences between WID, WAD and GAD?

SECTION – B

ANSWER ANY FIVE QUESTIONS. EACH ANSWER NOT TO EXCEED 300 WORDS.
(5X 6 = 30)

11. "Women are not born but are made". Explain by defining how women/girls and men/boys are gendered.
12. Give reasons as to why the sex ratio is getting to be so adverse in India.
13. How has education played a role in either liberating or not liberating women in India?
14. "Women are over worked and under paid". Discuss.
15. Why should Economics have a feminist perspective?
16. Explain how the status of women has had an impact on the health of women in the country.
17. How has the corporate world exploited both women and the environment to reduce costs and inflate profits? What impact has this had on both women and nature?

SECTION – C

ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS. EACH ANSWER NOT TO EXCEED 1200 WORDS. (2 X 20 = 40)

18. How has globalization affected women in the economy? Discuss with special reference to SEZs.
19. What is informal labour? How have women been treated in the informal sector? Explain with examples.
20. How can Economics be studied to include women as an agent who is recognized and valued within the subject?
21. Elucidate in detail how patriarchy reveals itself in every walk of life in India. Give ample examples.
