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Course: Feminist Debates on Gender Inequalities (4647)
Level: M. Sc.

Semester: Spring, 2014
Total Marks: 100

Guideline for Preparing Assignment:

- *Assignment is a take home test; you are free to use materials from internet, books and course books.*
- *Please understand the question and write in your own words by arranging your answer with an introduction, main discussion with sub topics and conclusion.*
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ASSIGNMENT No. 1
(Units: 1–5)

- Q. 1 Why it is said after second Wave feminism the women rights movement have lost its coherence and direction? **(20)**
- Q. 2 Define feminism. Discuss its international acceptance to gain women rights. **(10+10)**
- Q. 3 What are the common issues of male feminists especially regarding changing the gender stereotypes? **(10+10)**
- Q. 4 What is the viewpoint of liberal feminism? Is Pakistani women's rights efforts are in liberal context? **(10+10)**
- Q. 5 Like Marxism, socialist feminism recognized the oppressive structure of capitalist society. Like radical feminism, socialist feminism recognized the fundamental oppression of women in patriarchal society. However, socialist feminists did not recognize gender and only gender as the exclusive basis of all oppression. Discuss. **(20)**

ASSIGNMENT No. 2

(Units: 6–9)

- Q. 1 ‘Postmodern feminism is highly individual oriented and it relates to specific issues of women in a particular culture and society’, elaborate the statement? **(20)**
- Q. 2 What is the contrast of nature and culture applied by the eco-feminists? **(20)**
- Q. 3 Relate the oppression of black women in context of multicultural feminist discourse. **(20)**
- Q. 4 What is Women’s Action Forum? What role it has played in the protection of women rights in Pakistan? **(10+10)**
- Q. 5 Why Muslim women’s practice of hijab/veil is being exploited in the west? **(20)**

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