

Progressive Education Society's  
**Modern College of Arts, Science and Commerce** Ganeshkhind, Pune – 16 (Autonomous)  
**Faculty of Arts**

**End Semester Exam April 2024**

Program: BA Code (BA01)

Class: SYBA

Semester: IV

Program (Specific): Political Science

Time: **Two Hours**

Name of the Course: Introduction to Gender Studies -SEC

Max. Marks: 25

Course Code: 23- PO-A2474

Paper I-B

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*Notes: 1. All question are compulsory. 2. Figures to the right indicate full marks.*

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**Q. 1. Fill in the blanks (incorrect and preferred words)**

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<b>Stereotype promoting language Incorrect Words</b>	<b>Alternative Language Preferred Words</b>
	Sex assigned at birth
	Menstrual products
	Sex worker
House wife	
Transsexual	
	Cross-dresser
	Street sexual harassment

**Q. 2. Define**

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- Sexuality
- Femininity
- Queer Community

**Q. 3. Explain what is the reality as against the common stereotypes about gender roles**

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<b>Stereotype</b>	<b>Reality</b>
Unmarried women (or young women) are incapable of taking important decisions about their lives	
All women are physically weaker than men	
All women want to have children	

Do it together. Well, a father is as much a verb as a mother. Chudi should do everything that biology allows – which is everything but breastfeeding. Sometimes mothers, so conditioned to be all and do all, are complicit in diminishing the role of fathers. You might think that Chudi will not bathe her exactly as you'd like, that he might not wipe her bum as perfectly as you do. But so what? It's good for her to be cared for by her father. So look away, arrest your perfectionism, still your socially conditioned sense of duty. Share child care equally. 'Equally' of course depends on you both, and you will have to work it out, paying equal attention to each person's needs. It does not have to mean a literal fifty-fifty or a day-by-day score-keeping but you'll know when the child-care work is equally shared. You'll know by your lack of resentment. Because when there is true equality, resentment does not exist. And please reject the language of help. Chudi is not 'helping' you by caring for his child. He is doing what he should. When we say fathers are 'helping', we are suggesting that child care is a mother's territory, into which fathers valiantly venture. It is not. Can you imagine how many more people today would be happier, more stable, better contributors to the world, if only their fathers had been actively present in their childhood? Chudi does not deserve any special gratitude or praise, nor do you – you both made the choice to bring a child into the world, and the responsibility for that child belongs equally to you both.

- i. What does the author expect when she says "Do it together !"
- ii. Is it possible to share child care equally by men and women ?
- iii. "Please reject the language of help" : Discuss the statement
- iv. What message is conveyed in the paragraph ?
- v. What qualities of masculinity are displayed ?
- vi. "You both made the choice to bring a child into the world" : Do men and women have equal choice ? Explain

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