



## GENERAL STUDIES

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## INSTRUCTION

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## MARKING SCHEME

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<b>Basic Format</b>	Introduction + Conclusion	10		
	Body	15		
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<i>Parameters</i>	<i>Very Good</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Poor</i>
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One cannot change the world alone  
but can cast a stone across  
water to create many ripples

It was year 1915, GK Gokhale  
persuaded Mahatma Gandhi to  
come to India to see the  
condition of Indians and get  
Indians freedom from 'British Raj'  
Mahatma Gandhi with his novel  
techniques of 'SATYAGRAHA',  
which included Non-Violence, Truth,  
his legal knowledge, his ability  
to influence people around  
~~led~~ made him Leader of the  
Nation. With his emotional  
Intelligence and leadership, he  
was able to create many ripples  
which brought in all classes of  
people - be it women, students,  
peasants, money lenders, business  
class into Freedom Struggle and  
eventually leading to freedom  
on 15 August, 1947. Thus his  
guidance acted as stone in water  
which created many ripples  
and helped India winning freedom.

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Thus, it is rightly said,  
"Be the change you want to  
see in the people."

Mahatma Gandhi alone could not have won freedom and change India's future but by influencing all sections of people, other leaders like Jawahar Lal Nehru, Bose he was able to get the people on right track of achieving freedom. Hence it is rightly said, one can not change the world alone but can cast a stone across water to create many ripples.

We will further explore its meaning and dimensions in various fields and also look up to ways of having a strong character and leadership attitude.

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Historically, we have seen various incidents where strong personalities have tried to create ripples and brought changes.

Anna Hazare, through his continuous hunger protests led to casting a stone which influenced people and eventually led to passage of 'LOKPAL Act 2013'.

Thus, as when a stone is casted across water, it affects the surrounding water, makes water molecules carry energy and pass it to surrounding water, In the same way, one strong personality who can act as a leader can cast a huge impact on people and make them influence other people eventually leading to a positive changes in society, ~~and~~ Nation. and finally globalised world, we should explore it further through various dimensions.

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Individually, whenever a person does well in life by achieving academic excellence, having good job, being an honest taxpayer, it acts as a casted stone and creates ripples in lives of many surrounding people, s/he acts a role model for ~~their~~ his/her kids, family, society, friends. People look out to him/her for guidance and selfdevelopment. Thus he may not alone change the world but can influence many to move in a right direction.

Ashok Khemka - IAS officer by being honest civil servant and ~~dedid~~ showing dedication to public services always inspires many aspirants to uphold same

Coming to Societal Aspect, there are many problems rooted in society like Patriarchy, caste, gender discrimination, communal violence, regionalism.

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Definitely one person alone can not change the world but can act as casting stone in water as is seen by Malala Yousuf who continuously speaks for women's rights,

IPS Kisan Bedi who by introducing Prison Reforms has bettered the life of prisoners as well as inspired million of girls to do the same.

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in his book 'Annihilation of Caste' has mentioned about abolishing untouchability. This ~~was~~ influenced

policy makers too and his efforts led to inclusion of Article 17 in Constitution and adoption of Hindu Code Bill, thus creating ripples across the nation.

Having talked about societal aspect, equally important is National Front, Mahatma Gandhi

is in his Book 'India of my Dreams' has talked about giving Panchayats due status, women equal rights thus leading to ripples which led to inclusion in DPSPs and

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~~A~~ 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> Amendment of giving constitutional status to Local Bodies in Urban as well as Rural. PM Modi is no less than a big stone who influences and creates ripples across the nation. His decisions to implement GST, Demonetisation has led to decreased Money Laundering, increased tax payers efficiency thus having many supplies.

Further, at Political front, one can see how Lal Bahadur Shastri by upholding his strong character passed test of crisis and created many ripples by bringing in Green Revolution which was very ~~needed~~ crucial at that time for food security. His ripples at that time could be seen by progressive agriculture and food security to all.



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Equally Important is the Economic Front where one can see the stone of 1991 LPG reforms ~~at~~ created so many ripples of GDP growth, service sector growth, opening trade, increased FDI and employment. It was done by former PM Manmohan Singh who influenced many lives.

Not to forget is the administration side, where so many leaders and emotionally intelligent persons cast stones now and then and create ripples. Durga Shakti Nagpal (IAS) who exposed Sand Mining scam in Mohali, Satyendra Dubey by exposing Bihar Golden Quadrilateral scam led to upholding integrity and exposing wrong doers, thus creating many ripples. Equally important are ~~more~~ dedicated civil servants like Atharv Amur (IAS) continuously working for girl education and safety to have ripples on empowerment of women.

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Coming to environment front, no one person alone can change the ever increasing Global Warming, Pollution, losing Biodiversity, it needs a collaborative effort. However, leaders like personalities of Greta Thunberg proved that she is a stone to influence many people. Vinoba Bhave by his Bhoodan movement led to creation of ripples.

In addition, one can look up in Science and Technology field which is ever growing and advancing. APJ Abdul Kalam in his time acted as a stepping stone and led to development of Integrated Missile Development System (Prithvi, Agni, Akash) which gave an impetus to Defense Industry. Now India is self sufficient in Indigenous ~~a carrier~~ carrier aircraft, Nuclear powered missiles due to his growing supplies.

Kalpana Chawla acted as a pioneer stone in space and has ~~is~~ influenced many aspirants and nation.

Thus one see how one person though <sup>can</sup> not change whole world by himself but can cast a stone and create so many ripples ~~is~~ that he/she becomes role model for generations to come.

### TOWARDS A PROGRESSIVE WORLD

It is seen that it is utmost important to uphold strong character and leadership approach to create ripples in world. Thus this building of character is to be done from childhood. Good and ethical socialisation by parents followed by teachers is very important. Moral development and having virtues helping to build strong character as envisaged by ARISTOTLE.

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For Good Moral education, Value based education should be imparted. Gender neutral education, caste based equality need to be taught from very beginning so that it is imbibed from roots. Further Good Peer pressure, experiences in life moulds the development of children.

Further, whenever a crisis situation, one should act strong and should see Opportunities in Difficulty rather than difficulties in every situation. This will lead to building of an OPTIMISTIC ATTITUDE and further strong character. As is rightly said, "CRISIS tests the character of people."

In addition to all this, fairly good opportunities in economic sphere should be imparted so that a person

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becomes productive and useful for progress of a nation.

Building Emotional Intelligence, Leadership Qualities is must to act as a stone and create ripples in lives of other people. One must uphold his strong character always.

"When someone is really motivated to do something, he/she need not to be pushed. The VISION pulls

You." Steve Jobs.

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Feminism is not just equality but full humanity of women.

Simone de bevois, French philosopher has rightly said,

"One is not born a WOMAN,  
one becomes a WOMAN."

A woman is a complete cycle. Within her is the ability to create, nurture and transform. India is famous for the concept of 'NARI SHAKTI' where a woman is treated as Goddess.

However, this is only one side of a coin. The other side presents a grim scenario where the whole concept of woman is a construct of SOCIETY. Where 'How a woman should be' is emphasised than 'What a woman is'.

Thus eventually one becomes a woman. Women are considered subservient to men. Their hardships are taken as responsibilities towards their husbands, children, families.

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However, with the rising waves of FEMINISM and equal opportunities seeking behaviour, the trend is changing. From Politics [Pratibha Patel] to Cinemas [Priyanka Chopra], from Space [Kalpana Chawla] to Sports [PV Sindhu], we have our empowered women in almost every fields. As PM Modi has said, it is time for Women Led Growth and not Women growth.

Thus, in the following Essay, we will first look upon what is Feminism, how it talks not just about Equality but full humanity of Women. Then we will look why equality is so important. We will also see what factors are inhibiting this equality and humanity of Women followed by how to have a Brighter Future.



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## FEMINISM

Feminism, according to me is emancipation of women from the shackles of society. It is to have equality in Political, Economic and Social opportunities along with eliminating gender based discrimination. It is not about competing with Men but seeking a rightful place in society.

G.D. Anderson has rightly quoted, "Feminism is not about making Women strong. They are already strong. It is to change the perception of world of how it sees women's strength."

Thus, the attitude of the society needs to be changed. Equality - Political, economical, Social is must but along with it treating Women with Full Respect, DIGNITY is most important. One side, Women are considered as Goddess, they are considered to have Immense power and strength to

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bear all difficulties, but on other side they are disrespected, undervalued as can be seen by increasing incidences of RAPES, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (In Court, it increased). They are ~~are~~ treated as bean bags of husbands to remove frustration and anger.

Thus, Women need not be treated as Goddess nor need to be undervalued, Women should be given HUMANE treatment and respect and dignity.

Women have to be given full humanity, compassion so as to have full potential of them.

Equality gives women empowerment, autonomy, confidence but giving HUMANITY gives them fullness, love and overall

potential to reach to their heights.

Thus, women need not be 'deityfied' but 'PATRIARCHY' need to be replaced by 'PARITY'.

This is what Feminism talks about.

## WHY FEMINISM , EQUALITY , HUMANITY SO IMPORTANT

When 'Kamala Harris', Vice President of U.S.A honoured the public, she said, "I may be the first woman VP of USA but I am certainly not the last." This shows how important she considers women empowerment to progress.

It is being seen in Niti Ayog survey, that a woman legislator brings in 1.8 times more economic empowerment than her male counterpart by working on a nation's policies. Certainly a woman who handles a house's policies will be knowing how to handle a nation.

Further, the IMF chief has highlighted that if woman workforce becomes equal to men, it will lead to 27% rise in GDP. Thus women if allowed can bring much development in both political and economic sphere.

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Equally important is the role of women in social sphere. As said by Gandhiji, "If you educate a man, you educate a person but if you educate a woman, you educate a family and community." Thus educating a woman/girl is utmost important to have equality with men. Along with this, good health, hygiene makes a woman healthy which in turn makes her children healthy.

Thus, as woman develops skills, good health, the youth gets education, skills, good health and eventually a nation progresses. Good skills lead to finding good jobs and thus growth of GDP. Thus, it is a strategic imperative to have women equal in all fields along with giving them full humanity of respect, love and valuation.

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## SHACKLES OF SOCIETY

Although, we see women's progress in every field nowadays still there are many barriers to this wave of equality and humanity.

First and foremost is the deep rooted 'PATRIARCHY' which inhibits women every now and then. Patriarchy is visible in form of 'Male ego dominance', in a society's attitude of treating women an inferior gender. Not only this but UNPAID Domestic work, dual burden is form of patriarchy only. As NSS data has shown, 'women do 299 hours of unpaid work compared to 37 hours by men'; it shows a grim scenario. Furthermore, Domestic Violence, Dowry asking is inhuman forms of treatment rendered to women. Rapes, Trafficking further bars women of having humanity and equality.

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This is one side of social inequality, other side is unequal opportunities in education, health which impedes a woman's growth. Poor education and health further decreases productivity of a woman. It also leads to unemployment and Job losses. Job losses are evident in the form when companies are not willing to give jobs to women because of their future MATERNITY LEAVES. Economic Survey 2021 reported 1.8 million job losses because of this.

Thus, poor education, health not only impedes personal growth but further economic growth. This problem is further enhanced by Insecure atmosphere and safety issues. As given by NCRB data, India is 4th most dangerous country in world in terms of safety of women, women don't feel safe around and this debars them from having full potential and enjoying the autonomy.

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~~Always~~ Not to forget is the ever increasing incidences of OBJECTIFICATION and COMMODIFICATION of women in this Social Media world. full of Cyberbullying and Stalking.

Though, a lot of barriers are there in the path of Feminism, let us not forget how women have progressed in these years and broken shackles of society. This comes with self empowerment plus Men support and societies. Had Mary Kom, mother of 2 children had not got support from her husband, she might not have won World Boxing Championship. ~~Real~~

Progress of Women is also evident in form of Improving sex Ratio, decreasing female infanticide by various efforts of Government and Civil society like Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao, Sukanya Samridhi Yojana, Selfie with daughter.

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## TOWARDS A BRIGHTER FUTURE

As we are progressing in fields of Women empowerment, there also needs to be done more, to break shackles of society.

First and most Important is Attitudinal change from within. Women need to be given proper value, respect and equality. This can be done by better Socialisation and Moral Development as given by Kohlberg's Theory. Value based education and Gender-neutral education is need of the hour. If women can go for defense classes, then men should also go for Cooking ~~to~~ classes. Moral overhauling is the key to give women due Humanity. Then, proper education and health facilities are prime important for women. Menstrual Hygiene, free sanitary napkins, labour facilities (Lakshya scheme), antenatal care need to be given to decrease Maternal Mortality and Infant Mortality rate.



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Education and Good health will increase productivity of women and it will lead to them getting better jobs. Also it will lead to increase in Women Entrepreneurs as seen today also. (Indo Nooyi - Pepsico). Schemes regarding Skilling - PM Kaushal Vikas Yojana, employment need to be promoted further. (Mahila - e - Haat).

Along with social and economic empowerment, political empowerment is must. This can be done by ratifying and passing of 108 Constitutional Amendment Bill of Reservation to women in Lok Sabha. Then focus should also be on providing safe environment to women. This can be done by having MAHILA POLICE, more women Cab drivers, bus drivers, deploying CCTV cameras and effective checks and patrolling. More helplines which are effective and one Stop Centres, Mahila haat should be opened.

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Further, proper regulations on social media to stop incidences of Cyber bullying are needed. Thus, Ethical upbringing giving deserved respect, value to women, treating them equal in all spheres of life is what Feminism is all about. It is not a fight with men, it will never be. It is just asking for a deserving place in society for better humanity and progress of the nation, for better inclusive development and independent decision making power. It is Strategic Imperative for both society and the Nation.

“ You may shoot with your eyes,  
You may kill me with your hatefulness,  
you may cut me with your words,  
but still like air, I will rise  
and I will rise. ”

Maya Angelou

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