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Name of the paper: Contemporary India: Women and Empowerment

Semester II/IV

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Time limit: 3+1 (one hour reserved for downloading of question paper, scanning and uploading of answer sheets)

Students will attempt any THREE questions.

- 1. Gender determines the opportunities and resources available to individuals in our society. Do you agree? Support your answer with analysis of any three such instances.
- 2. "Sultana's Dream" shows us that even at their most restricted, the marginalized and oppressed continue to dream of a better world. Are the dream visions in this story useful to us today? Discuss with close reference to the story.
- 3. Dalit women's autobiographical narratives show us that the fight against genderbased discrimination cannot succeed unless and until the fight against casteism is fought alongside. Do you agree? Discuss with close reference to any of the Dalit autobiographical texts prescribed for study.
- 4. Women's political participation and representation are important to ensure a more equal democracy. Do you agree? Discuss with suitable examples of issues from the Indian context.
- 5. Laws against sexual harassment at the workplace and against domestic violence in the home go hand in hand to ensure that women do not become second class citizens in their own country. Do you agree? Discuss in relation to prevailing laws.
- 6. Partition violence targeted women irrespective of their origins. Discuss this statement with close reference to any text/ film you have read or viewed.



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