

# The Assam Royal Global University, Guwahati

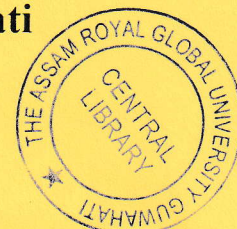
Royal School of Humanities and Social Sciences

M. A. History 1<sup>st</sup> Semester

Special Supplementary Examination, September 2023

Course Title : Gender and Women in Ancient Societies

Course Code : HST184D101



Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 70

**Note: Attempt all questions as per instructions given.**

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.*

## SectioGendern – A

1. Attempt **all** questions. (Maximum word limit 50) 2 x 8
- Why is the study of rites and rituals connected with women important?
  - What do you understand by *Vratas*?
  - What is the concept of Gender Ideology?
  - What does the *Cutapaduma Jataka* say about the adulterous wife?
  - What is the meaning of *Miscegeny*?
  - How were women connected with the Mesopotamian power-politics?
  - Who is Zainab Bahrani? Mention the book written by the author on women in Mesopotamia.
  - What caused the Republic to change into an Empire?

## Section – B

2. Attempt **any two** of the following: 6 x 2
- Discuss the role of women in hunting-gathering economy.
  - “The post-Vedic literature reflects a two- fold development of ideology.” Discuss.
  - “Women felt the need to underline their piety in domestic roles.” Give reasons to justify the statement.
3. Attempt **any two** of the following: 7 x 2
- Explain in detail the formation of patriarchy in Buddhism.
  - Discuss the subordination of women in prehistoric and ancient India.
  - Write a note on the diversity of Brahmanical patriarchy.
4. Attempt **any two** of the following: 7 x 2
- Discuss the contribution of women in the ancient Mesopotamian society.
  - Examine the role of religion and gender in ancient Rome.
  - Write an analytical note on the gender roles as existed in early Byzantine society.
5. Attempt **any one** of the following 14 X 1
- Critically analyze any three myths as discussed in Jaya Tyagi’s book ‘Contestation and Compliance’.
  - Discuss the evolution of Caste, Class and Gender in prehistoric and ancient phases of Indian history.