Diploma in Women's Empowerment and Development (DWED)

ASSIGNMENTS
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WOMEN AND SOCIETY: GLOBAL CONCERNS AND LOCAL ISSUES (BWEE-012)
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Note: Answer all the questions. While questions in Section A carry 20 marks each (to be answered in about 700 words each), those in Section B carry 12 marks each (to be answered in about 500 words each).

(Section-A)

1. Discuss the Indian perspectives on the demographic and health status of women. How do indicators such as sex ratio, life expectancy, fertility rate, and maternal mortality reflect gender disparities in contemporary societies?

2. Analyze the role of institutional mechanisms of the National Commission for Women in safeguarding women's rights in India. How effective have these bodies been in ensuring justice and empowerment?

(Section-B)

3. Evaluate the impact of digital and social media on women's voices and visibility in contemporary society.

4. Explain the constitutional provisions in India that safeguard the legal rights of women.

5. What are the constraints faced by elected women members of local self-government bodies that restricted their performance and effectiveness in governance?

6. Why does women's labour in both the organized and unorganized sectors require the protective framework of labour legislation? Examine the key reasons.

7. Write short notes on the following:
   i) Patriarchy
   ii) Position of Women in Hindu Religion
   iii) Female Infanticide and Foeticide
   iv) Sexual Harassment