

**Ph. D. IN WOMEN'S STUDIES
(PHDWS)**

Term-End Examination

June, 2026

**RWS-002 : FEMINIST RESEARCH
METHODOLOGIES**

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : Attempt any **four** of the following questions. All questions carry equal marks. Answer each question in not more than **1500** words.

1. What is positivism ? How have feminist scholars challenged the notion of positivism through standpoint theory ? Discuss. 25

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2. Discuss any *two* traditions of qualitative research by drawing examples from women's studies. 25
3. Define ethics and discuss the significance of feminist ethics in research. 25
4. Define ethnography and discuss the application of autoethnography method in gender research. 25
5. What is sampling and discuss the basic concepts related to probability and non-probability sampling ? 25
6. Define research design and develop a research design by taking a hypothetical area/theme in women's studies. 25
7. Explain the methods of qualitative data analysis. Discuss the application of narrative analysis for feminist research. 25

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