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I. A demographic profile of women in India: changing role and status of women in India; Role differences of women in joint and nuclear families; position of women in tribal, rural and urban areas; status of women with reference to health, education, employment and political.

II. Problems of women: Gender bias, child marriage, dowry, widowhood, desertion, divorce, destitution, educational backwardness, discrimination in employment; problems of employed women and mother; problems of unmarried mothers; delinquency, prostitution, trafficking in women and girls. Theories on violence against women.

III. Women's welfare and Development: Historical development of women welfare; indicators of women development; Central and State government policy on women; government of India schemes for women's development; National commission for women, Institutional and Non-Institutional services for women;

IV. Women and Law: Legislations relating to women; Legal and constitutional rights, marriage, divorce and property rights; labour laws for women; Family Violence, Family courts.

V. Women Empowerment: Meaning, characteristics of an empowered women; Role of self help groups in women empowerment; feminism; women's movement abroad and in India, India's Five year Plans- policies, strategies and programmes.

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