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FACULTY OF ARTS

SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION IN ARTS – SEMESTER II – 2018/2019

SOC 2220 – Sociology of Gender
Two (02) Hours

Answer Three (03) questions only

1. Explain how 'sex' differs from 'gender' and discuss with examples the role played by society and culture in constructing this difference

2. **Either**

'The origin and proliferation of feminism was not a linear process. There were many leaps, ruptures and backward trends in this process.' Examine this statement in relation to the main principles of the feminist movement.

Or

'The feminist movement presents different explanations about the beginning of patriarchy and women's oppression.' Discuss the above statement referencing at least two different feminist approaches.

3. Discuss the basic premises of feminist methodology with special attention to the views of Margrit Eichler.

4. 'The construction and propagation of socially recognized knowledge is a process that visibly builds upon a gender basis.' Examine this statement with reference to feminist epistemology.

5. 'It is within a gendered background that institutionalized religions have accorded the spiritual emancipation of people.' Do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer with examples.

6. 'Gender socialization and its justification by society are the main causes for gender based violence to be levelled largely against women.' Examine this statement.
