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EXAMINATION PAPER

Master of Science in Development Studies

COURSE CODE : MSDS120
COURSE TITLE : Gender and Development
DURATION : 3 Hours
DATE : 22 SEP 2025

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. Answer any **THREE** questions only.
2. Each question carries 25 Marks.
3. Start each question on a new page of your answer sheet.
4. Use relevant examples or case studies in answering your questions

1. You are a media analyst working for a consulting firm that specialises in gender and media representation. A major television network has come under scrutiny for its portrayal of gender in its programming. Critics argue that the network perpetuates gender stereotypes and fails to represent diverse gender identities in its shows. As part of your role, you have been tasked with conducting a comprehensive analysis of the network programming to assess the accuracy of these claims and make recommendations for improvement.
Question: Using feminist theories of gender, analyse the programming of the television network in question. Identify specific examples of gender stereotypes and representations of gender identities, (25 Marks)
2. Using a case study or example of your choice, apply feminist theories to analyse a specific issue related to gender, power, and social justice, (25 Marks).
3. *The complex interplay of social, cultural, and psychological factors contribute to the perpetuation of Gender Based Violence (GBV), Discuss, (25 Marks)*
4. Using the Domestic Violence Act (2007), evaluate the effectiveness of this policy in addressing Gender Based Violence in your community, (25 Marks)
5. Discuss the evolution of the Women in Development (WID) approach and its significance in the field of Gender and development studies, (25 Marks)

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