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NOTICE

Date: March 20, 2026

Subject: Practical Assignment – Paper: Feminism: Theory and Practice

All students of 6th Semester are hereby notified that as part of your internal assessment for the paper "**Feminism: Theory and Practice**," you are required to conduct an oral history interview.

The project, titled "**Voices Across Generations: An Oral History of Gender and Agency**," aims to bridge the gap between feminist theory and the lived experiences of women across different timelines. Students must identify an interviewee (preferably aged 50 or above) and document their narrative using the attached schedule and report format.

Submission Deadline: 20th April, 2026

Total Marks: 20

Instructions:

1. Maintain ethical standards; ensure the participant's consent before recording or photographing.
2. The report must be handwritten or typed as per the attached format.
3. Attach the original interview questionnaire and a photograph/note as an appendix.

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Interview Schedule

Paper: Feminism: Theory and Practice

Project Title: *Voices Across Generations: An Oral History of Gender and Agency*

I. Participant Profile (To be filled by the Interviewer)

Name (Optional/Pseudonym): _____

Age: _____

Current Location: _____

Education/Occupation (Past or Present): _____

Date of Interview: ___ / ___ / 2026

II. Interview Questions

Phase 1: Background & Social Context

1. Daily Life at Twenty: "Could you describe what a typical day looked like for you when you were 20 years old? What were your primary responsibilities at home or outside?" *Response Summary:*

2. Social Expectations: "At that time, what were the most common expectations placed on young women in your community regarding higher education and the timing of marriage?" *Response Summary:*

Phase 2: The Core Experience (Theory vs. Practice)

3. On Dreams & Barriers: "Looking back, was there a specific career, hobby, travel goal, or a dream you had at 20 that felt impossible specifically because you were a woman? If so, who or what was the main 'gatekeeper' (family, law, or society)?" *Response Summary:*

4. On Domesticity (Housework & Labor): "How has the 'division of labor' (sharing of chores) in your home changed over 40 years? Do you feel that modern technology has truly reduced the 'double-burden' of women, or has it just changed the nature of the work?" *Response Summary:*

5. On Agency & Freedom: "What is one social freedom or right that younger women have today—such as traveling alone, choosing a partner, or financial independence—that would have been unthinkable for you at their age?" *Response Summary:*

PROJECT REPORT

Subject: Feminism: Theory and Practice

Topic: Voices Across Generations: An Oral History of Gender and Agency

1. Summary of the Interviewee's Life Story

(Use the following points as a guide:)

Early Life: Describe her typical day at age 20 (e.g., balance of chores and education).

The "Unfulfilled Dream": Mention the specific career or hobby she felt she couldn't pursue and who the "gatekeeper" was (e.g., father, society, or lack of transport). or situations vice versa

The Transition: Briefly mention how her life changed after marriage and how she views her domestic responsibilities today compared to the past.

2. A short reflection on how her story connects to /adheres to or defies the concepts of **Patriarchy, Gender and Feminist Theorisations studied in class.**

3. Appendix

1. Attach the completed **Interview Questionnaire.**
2. Include a photo of the interviewee or a photo of a handwritten note from her/signed statement of Participation.