Examination Period 3: 2016/17

HIS100417N

Module Title: Introduction to Women’s History
Level: Four
Time Allowed: One hour and thirty minutes

Instructions to students:

- Enter your student number not your name on all answer books.
- Answer three questions: one from Section A and two from Section B.
- The same material should not constitute a substantial part of more than one question.
- Both sections are equally weighted.
- Begin each section in a separate answer book; label each answer book clearly with the number of the question you are answering.
- Neither books nor notes may be taken into the examination.

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Section A

Answer one out of four questions.

1. Is it more useful to talk about the history of women in the period 1780-1918 in terms of ‘sex’ or ‘gender’? Justify your answer.

2. How far were women’s roles defined in terms of domesticity in the period 1780-1860?

3. To what extent did women suffrage campaigners conform to the ‘traditional female role’?

4. What new work opportunities were available to women during the First World War and to what extent were these preserved after the War?

End of Section A
Section B follows overleaf
Section B

Comment on two out of three of the following.

5. **Letter from the Carlisle Trades Council and Labour Party to the Liquor Control Board, 12 March 1919**

Dear Sir,

During a discussion at the last meeting of my General Committee, in connection with the employment question, it was alleged by one or two of the delegates that the Liquor Control Board were continuing to employ married women whose husbands were in receipt of a living wage, and I was requested to bring the matter to your notice. My Committee feel that, at a time like the present when there are such large numbers of men and women unable to obtain a livelihood, an effort should be made to do everything possible to absorb those who are now practically destitute...

Perhaps you will kindly bring the matter before your Advisory Committee and kindly let me hear from you in course.

Yours faithfully

Thomas Thompson

6. **Speech by Christabel Pankhurst, Carnegie Hall, New York, 24 October 1914**

You must not suppose that because the Suffragettes fight the British Government for the sake of the vote, and because we have refused to allow the Government to crush our movement by imprisonment and torture, you must not suppose that on that account the Suffragettes are not patriotic. Good Heaven! Why should we fight for British citizenship if we do not most highly prize it? Our view is that the very foundations of our movement for women’s freedom are threatened.

Our view is that if our country does not win, the value of British citizenship, if not absolutely destroyed, will be very much decreased. We want to see the strength of our nation maintained, because we believe that that strength is more and more going to be used for the good of the whole world.
7. ‘These Women are Doing Their Bit’ (undated)

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