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GE-313 GENERAL ENGLISH

Time: 1 Hour

Max. Marks- 30

INSTRUCTIONS

1. You are allowed to use a dictionary during the examination.
2. You will lose marks for exceeding word limits.

I. Read the following article from The Indian Express

Several social activists on Tuesday criticised the triple talaq Bill, especially the provisions that make the practice a criminal offence, and said the new law would not bring any relief to Muslim women and have released a statement condemning the government's attempts to "criminalise Muslim men in the guise of protecting Muslim women" "The main question is whether this will provide justice to Muslim women," added social activist Razia Patel. "It has many contradictions for instance once the husband is jailed, how will he provide maintenance. Criminalisation of family law shows ill intention of this government against the Muslim community. This was unnecessary," she added. "We had fundamentally supported this bill. We also wanted amendment for the provision of support to Muslim women. Our opposition was on two-three issues. The Supreme Court had struck down triple talaq, you had also struck down down triple talaq through the law, then what is the need to criminalise an imaginary thing?" senior Congress leader Abhishek Manu Singhvi said.

"Triple talaq does not have any legal standpoint, then what was the need to criminalise it? Even if the woman does not want it, her relative can get the husband arrested. Bail will be very difficult... What is the relevance for this?" he told reporters outside Parliament.

Shorn of the noise and harangue the issue is not really about the empowerment of women, because in that case the government should have been looking at enhancing the benefit and protection granted by the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Divorce) Act 1986 and other protective legislation. Ironically the present legislation is titled the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill 2017. Arfa Khanum Sherwani, a political activist stated

"The Hon Supreme Court had already declared the regressive and medieval practice of TripleTalaq unconstitutional. The law adds unnecessary criminality to it making a civil matter, criminal. It shows the govt is not interested in gender equality for Muslim women but only politics over them." Ms Sherwani also asks why similar criminal laws have not been made for abandoned non-Muslim women.

I. **Answer the following questions in about 150 words each. (2x10=20)**

1. "The Bill criminalises Muslim men in the guise of protecting Muslim women"- To what extent do you think this statement is justified?
2. "Ms Sherwani also asks why similar criminal laws have not been made for abandoned non-Muslim women"- What is your opinion on this statement?

II. **Answer ANY ONE of the following questions in about 150 words (10 marks)**

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