

**WORK SHEET  
SECOND TERM  
SUBJECT- SOCIAL SCIENCE  
LESSON 9- WOMEN, CASTE AND REFORM  
CLASS- VIII**

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**I. Fill in the blanks.**

1. .... is a social evil involving the murder of girl children.
2. .... established the Sharada Sadan in Pune to help widows.
3. The..... was a women's college established under the university of Calcutta.
4. .... worked to improve the condition of the Ezhavas and campaigned for temple-entry rights for the untouchables.
5. The Singh Sabhas promoted reform by spreading modern education through..... Schools and colleges.

**II. Tick the correct answer.**

1. The word 'polygamy' means
  - (a) One man having many wives
  - (b) One women having many husbands
  - (c) Killing a girl child
  - (d) None of these
2. Which reformer's articles were published in The Times?
  - a) Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar
  - b) Dayananda Saraswati
  - b) Behramji Malabari
  - d) Jyotirao Phule
3. Jyotirao Phule founded the
  - a) Satyashodhak Samaj
  - b) Brahmo Samaj
  - c) Veda Samaj
  - d) Arya Samaj
4. Who wrote the book 'Gulamgiri'?
  - a) Jyotirao Phule
  - b) Veersaligam Pantulu
  - c) Dayanand Saraswati
  - d) Tarabai Shinde

**III. Answer the following in short:**

1. What is meant by sati?
2. Name any three organizations that promoted widow remarriage.
3. What was the goal of the Hitkarni Sabha?
4. What kind of work did the untouchables traditionally do?

**IV. Give reasons for the following**

1. Why was the Sarda Act passed?
2. Why many nineteenth-century Indian women were denied education?
3. Why did Gandhiji oppose a separate electorate for Harijans?

**V. Answer the following questions.**

1. What did the orthodox Indians think about the Age of consent Act of 1891?
2. Mention some restrictions imposed on the untouchables in Indian society.
3. How did British rule help reduce caste rigidities?
4. Write about B R Ambedkar's efforts to improve the condition of the depressed classes.

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