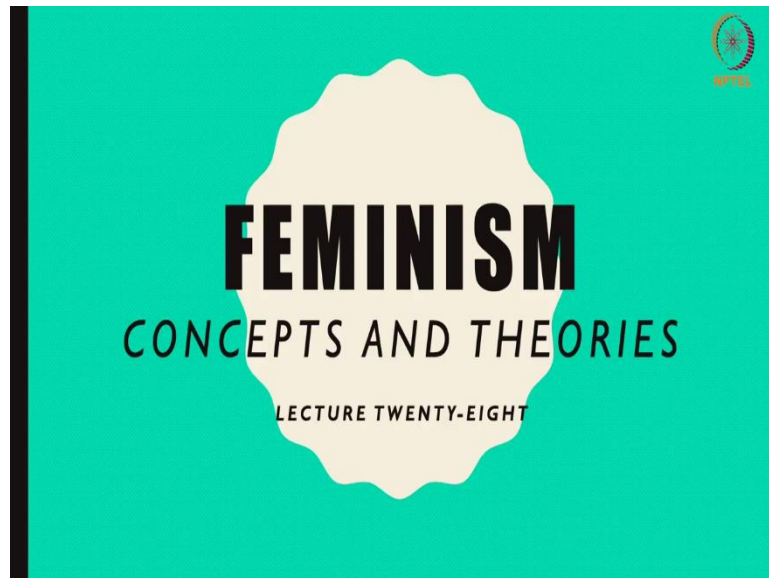


Feminism: Concepts and Theories
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Final Exam Structure and Suggestions

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Feminism: Concepts and Theories, lecture 28. Week 12, this is our last lecture. And I imagine it is the most anticipated lecture and I will tell you why, in just a few seconds. In this lecture, we are going to look over the structure of the final exam. And I am going to offer you a few tips on how to prepare for it, in terms of anticipating its structure and in terms of attending to every kind of question.

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FINAL EXAM STRUCTURE

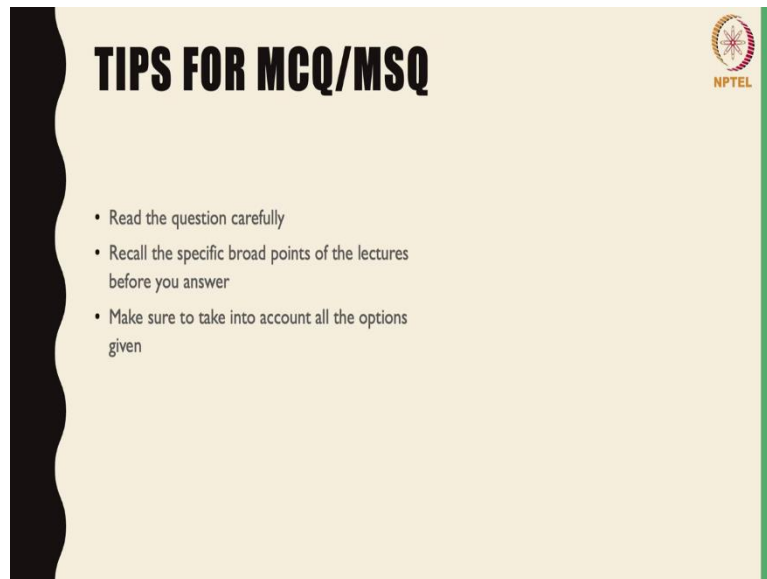
- MCQ/ MSQ
 - True/ False
 - Choose the right answer
- Reading Comprehension
 - Choose the right answer
- Short answer questions
 - 150 to 200 words

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Broadly, your final exam paper will consist of the following questions. You will have your usual MCQ, MSQ, which you are familiar with, thanks to your many assignments by now. Here, in one set of questions, you will choose a true or false. And in the second set of questions, you will choose the right answer. A different kind of question, that you may be partly used to because of the various case studies that we have done, is a reading comprehension exercise, where you will be given an excerpt from an academic journal article. This is about 6 to 7 paragraphs that you will be required to read, at the end of which, there will be a series of questions meant to test your capacity to have understood the passage. And I will speak about that in just a little bit.

Your last kind of question will be a short answer question, which will attend to material that we have covered weeks 1 to 11. So this will require that you have paid attention to the lectures as well as read the material. The answers you are required to give will be of a length 150 to 200 words. So, in the next few minutes, let me give you a few suggestions on how to prepare for the exam and very specifically for these questions.

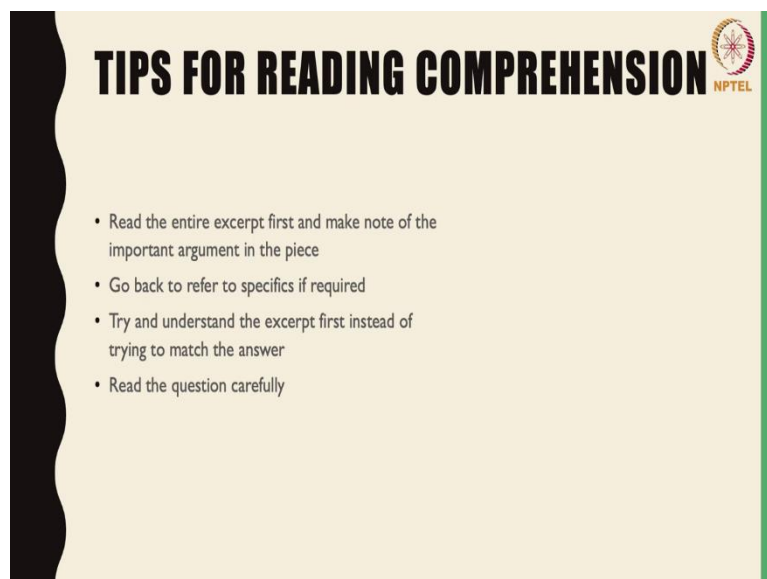
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For MCQ, MSQ, the tips are fairly obvious, but let me repeat them just in case. The nature of question remains the same, we might have cranked up the difficulty level, just a little bit. So, in order for you to get the maximum number of marks possible, please do read the question carefully just to make sure that you are not missing anything.

In order to answer the question, recall the specific broad points of your lectures, before you answer. And very importantly, especially for a ‘choose the right answer question’, take into account all the options given. Do not rush to answer the question until you have read everything provided on the question paper.


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For the reading comprehension exercise, please do read the entire excerpt first and make note of the important argument in the piece. Try and see what is the central kind of question that

the piece is addressing or is structured around. Go back to 'refer to the specifics' if required. But first, do a complete reading and try and understand the excerpt first instead of trying immediately to rush and match the answer. Again, read the question carefully, it is of paramount importance, also because the question need not be couched in exactly the language of the excerpt. It could test your broad understanding. And let me just give you an example to clarify, what we mean here.

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FOR EXAMPLE...

- *The Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State* (Engels, 1884)
 - "The modern family contains in germ not only slavery (servitus) but also serfdom, since from the beginning it is related to agricultural services. It contains in miniature all the contradictions which later extend throughout society and its state. (121-122)
 - The modern individual family is founded on the open or concealed domestic slavery of the wife, and modern society is a mass composed of these individual families as its molecules. (p.137)

It contains in miniature all the contradictions which later extend throughout society and its state. If the family contains in miniature all this contradiction.

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QUESTION

Engels suggests the following:

- a. The family has been created as a miniature version of the agricultural state, as a pilot project
- b. The modern family is founded upon domestic slavery of the wife; society itself is therefore founded upon such slavery
- c. The family can be used as a metaphor to examine society's contradictions
- d. All of the above
- e. Only b and c

Then it can be used as a metaphor to examine society's contradictions. Therefore, our answer cannot be 'd', 'All-of-the-above'. But it can be 'Only b and c'.

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QUESTION

Engels suggest the following:

- The family has been created as a miniature version of the agricultural state, as a pilot project
- The modern family is founded upon domestic slavery of the wife; society itself is therefore founded upon such slavery
- The family can be used as a metaphor to examine society's contradictions
- All of the above
- Only b and c

ANSWER: E

Lo and behold, the answer is 'b and c'. I hope that makes sense in how is it that you arrive at that answer. Keep in mind that you need to follow a similar process for a much larger excerpt as well. I have only given you a paragraph. The excerpt you will receive in your exam will be about a page to 2 pages.

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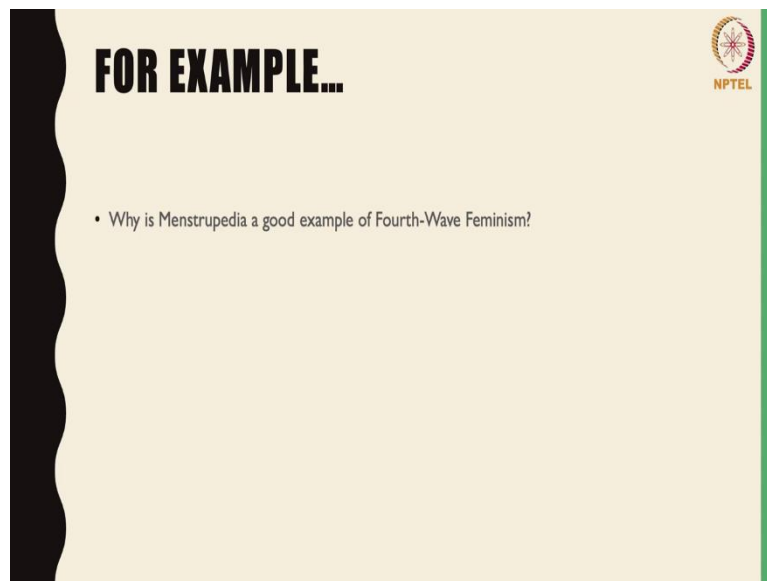
TIPS FOR SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

- Read and understand the question carefully
- Write down the main points of your answer first
- Build an answer with a clear introduction, middle, and conclusion
- Stick to the word limit of 150-200 words
- Go back and proofread; check for grammar and spelling errors

Let us come to the last kind of question in your exam, which are short answer questions. The usual logical instructions. Please read and understand the question carefully. But in terms of how to write, here again are a slightly different set of suggestions, which is: Write down the main points of your answer first, gather how you are going to build your answer, write down everything that needs to be inside that answer.

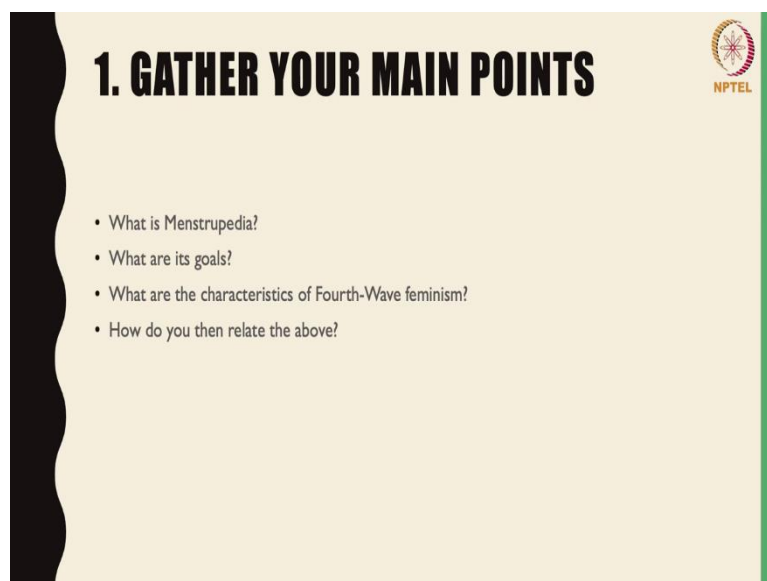
Create a clear introduction, middle conclusion. Allocate all of these points to introduction, middle, conclusion, so that you have a clear structure. Have a word limit for each section, because the larger word limit of your answer is 200 words. Once you write the answer, please do go back and proofread and I cannot emphasize this more. So many marks are lost, because people do not proofread, check for errors.

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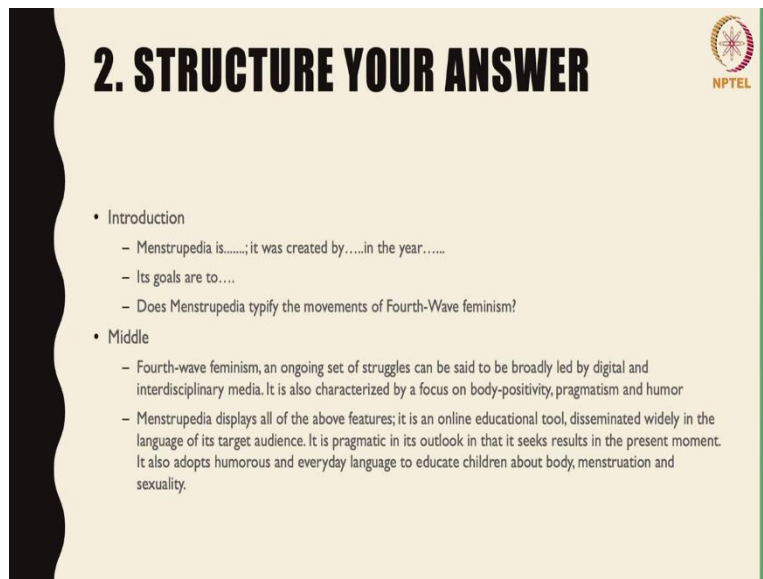
Let us take up a quick example. If you are asked: Why is Menstrupedia a good example of fourth-wave feminism? Here is the suggested template, for constructing your answer.

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First, gather your main points, figure out what do you know about Menstrupedia, what is it that the lecture tells you, what are stated to be Menstrupedia's goals, define it. Second part of your question; why is it that it is part of fourth-wave feminism. So, let us ask the question; what are the characteristics of fourth-wave feminism and then, gather all of these together to ask, how do the characteristics of fourth-wave feminism match the description of Menstrupedia.

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2. STRUCTURE YOUR ANSWER

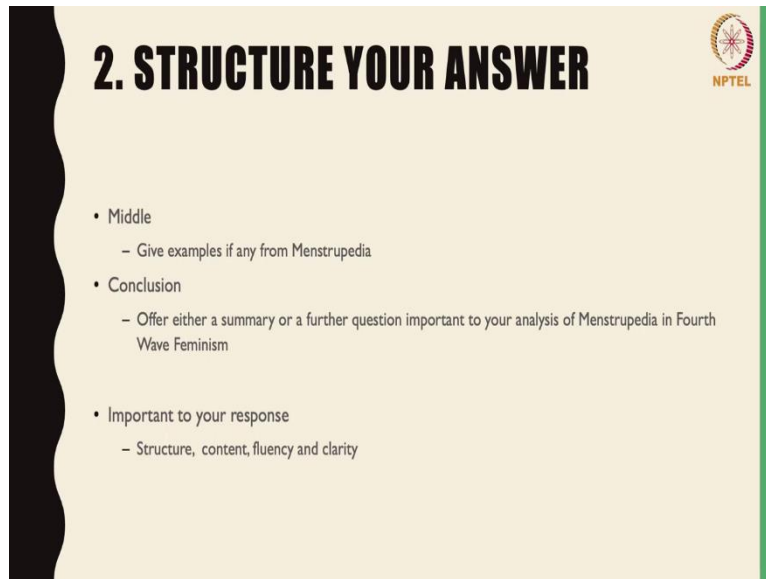
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- Introduction
 - Menstrupedia is.....; it was created by.....in the year.....
 - Its goals are to....
 - Does Menstrupedia typify the movements of Fourth-Wave feminism?
- Middle
 - Fourth-wave feminism, an ongoing set of struggles can be said to be broadly led by digital and interdisciplinary media. It is also characterized by a focus on body-positivity, pragmatism and humor
 - Menstrupedia displays all of the above features; it is an online educational tool, disseminated widely in the language of its target audience. It is pragmatic in its outlook in that it seeks results in the present moment. It also adopts humorous and everyday language to educate children about body, menstruation and sexuality.

Here is a possible structure. In your introduction, go directly to the heart of the question. Menstrupedia is, a b c, x y z. It was created by so and so, in the year so and so. Its goals are to so and so.

Then ask the question: Does Menstrupedia typify the movements of fourth-wave feminism? Then move on to your middle, to say; in order to answer this question, let us look at definitions of fourth-wave feminism and what it encompasses. Fourth-wave feminism, an ongoing set of struggles can be said to be broadly led by digital and interdisciplinary media. It is also characterized by a focus on body positivity, pragmatism and humor. The second part of the middle of your answer; Menstrupedia displays all of the above features. It is an online educational tool, disseminated widely in the language of its target audience. It is pragmatic in its outlook in that it seeks results in the present moment. It also adopts humorous and everyday language to educate children about body, menstruation, and sexuality.

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2. STRUCTURE YOUR ANSWER

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- Middle
 - Give examples if any from Menstrupedia
- Conclusion
 - Offer either a summary or a further question important to your analysis of Menstrupedia in Fourth Wave Feminism
- Important to your response
 - Structure, content, fluency and clarity

As you move from the middle to your conclusion, give examples if you have any from Menstrupedia, then offer a conclusion, either a summary or a further question important to your analysis of Menstrupedia in fourth-wave feminism. Please remember, in your response, pay attention to structure, content, fluency, and clarity and you will be well on your way to acing your feminism paper. I hope, this broad overview gives you a sense of what to expect in the exam and helps prepare you. Good luck! And I look forward to reading your answers.