



THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE

14702 -- HONOURS PSYCHOLOGY (PSYCHOL 4000A)

GENDER AND PSYCHOLOGY

SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY

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Time: 3 hours

(In addition, candidates are allowed ten minutes before the examination begins to read the paper.)

ANSWER ANY TWO (2) QUESTIONS

1. According to Maggie Humm (1996),
Gender is a social construction that oppresses women more than men.
Include, in your discussion of this claim, consideration of the media depictions of men and women that were used to illustrate various points of argument in the Gender & Psychology course.
2. Mainstream research on sex differences in Psychology has been challenged by feminist psychologists who have adopted both 'empiricist' and 'feminist standpoint' positions in their criticisms.
Compare and contrast these two styles of feminist criticism.
3. Describe the common features of essentialist perspectives on gender and discuss criticisms of such approaches.
4. Compare humanist and post-structuralist theories of the person. Refer specifically to the concept of gender in your answer.

END OF EXAMINATION

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