



PAPER 2: SOCIAL STRATIFICATION – FEMINIST PERSPECTIVE

5 FACTS ABOUT THE FEMINIST PERSPECTIVE ON SOCIAL STRATIFICATION

4 TRUE OR FALSE STATEMENTS

Feminists argue that women are generally lower down the stratification system than men.	
The term 'glass ceiling' refers to women being promoted quickly to top jobs.	
Sylvia Walby argued that violence against women is both a cause and consequence of inequality.	
The Equal Pay Act, giving women the right to equal pay, was passed in 1970.	

3 MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

What does the term 'patriarchy' mean?	What is the 'motherhood wage penalty'?	Which feminist sociologist identified six structures of patriarchal control?
a) A society where women dominate men	a) Women receive higher pay after having children	a) Ann Oakley
b) A male-dominated society	b) Women are promoted faster after having children	b) Sue Sharpe
c) Equal power between men and women	c) Women earn less than men due to limited part-time work after childbirth	d) Harriet Martineau
d) A family system based on children	d) Women stop working completely after having children	d) Sylvia Walby

2 SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

Explain what is meant by the term 'glass ceiling' in the workplace.

Explain why many argue that society is less patriarchal than in the past.

1 CRITICISM OF THE FEMINIST PERSPECTIVE ON SOCIAL STRATIFICATION