



Lesson – 11

GOD CREATED MEN AND WOMEN AS EQUALS

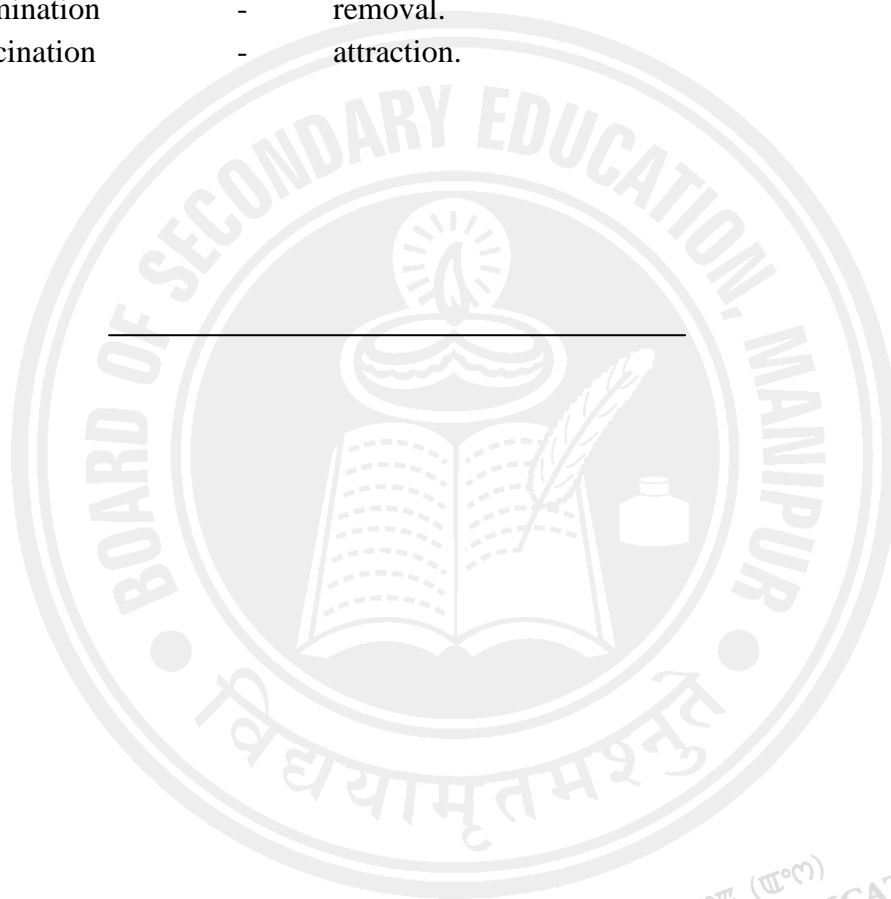
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SUMMARY:-

At the back drop of a scenic surrounding lies a picturesque house wherein Ashangbi is busy in her reading room writing an article. She is a middle-aged mother of three, a journalist and a woman's rights activist. Her youngest daughter Lanthoi, an intelligent girl wants her mother to spare some time to have a discussion with her on the topics 'God created Men and Women as Equals' since she is participating in a symposium at her school. She had already discussed the topic with her father and she wanted the opinion of her mother too. Ashangbi's husband Tomba is a supportive husband of his wife's activities. He is a lawyer and a social worker who advocates the cause of woman. He does not discriminate between a man's work and a woman's work anywhere. He shares equally with his wife in doing the household chores like cleaning, washing, cooking and feeding the children. He whole heartedly believes in equality irrespective of class religion and gender and lamented over the great injustice done on woman in the society and that we have to find a way to bring equality between man and woman. Lanthoi's mother Ashangbi also agree with her husband opinion and told her daughter that she have no feeling of difference or inequality at home because of her father. Outside their home, women have been subjugated in many ways which is against the will of God. God has sent men and women on Earth to share the joys and sorrows of life equally, to share His blessings and to enjoy the bounty of Nature equally. And that is the meaning of your topic. Ashangbi further continued affectionally about the role of pioneer women who testify to the equality of women with men. Lanthoi was already fascinated by the stories of pioneer women her grandmother narrated like Linthoingambi and Kuranganayani who were as brave as Kings and also those who were makers of home family, society and the nation. Having been understood the concept of her topic Lanthoi who is an intelligent girl wanted to know if there are any moral social and legal provisions to enable women to express their physical and mental potential and to set themselves free from suppression. Amazed at her curiosity Ashangbi informed her daughter about the provisions laid down under the aegis of the united Nation and concluded that we can affirm along with the united Nations that men and women are equals.

WORD MEANING:-

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| 1. Fragrance | - | pleasant smell |
| 2. Symposium particular | - | a meeting at which experts have discussion on a subject. |
| 3. Discriminate | - | to treat one person or group better or worse than another in an unfair way. |
| 4. Gender | - | fact of being male or female. |
| 5. Glorified | - | praised. |
| 6. Aegis | - | with the protection or support of a particular organization or person. |
| 7. Elimination | - | removal. |
| 8. Fascination | - | attraction. |



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