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The women's questions arose in modern India as a part of the 19th century social reform movement. What are the major issues and debates concerning women in that period? (250 words).

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Indian culture will cover the salient aspects of Art Forms, literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times.

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Bengal Sati Regulation, 1829

Colonial law, after Rammohan's campaign, that criminalised widow burning in the Bengal Presidency.

Hindu Widows' Remarriage Act, 1856

Statute associated with Vidyasagar that legalised widow remarriage among Hindus.

Age of Consent Act, 1891

Raised the age of consent after the Phulmoni case and triggered a major nationalist-reform clash.

Savitribai Phule

Pioneer of girls' schooling in Pune who tied women's education to anti-caste reform.

Pandita Ramabai

Scholar and activist whose work on Hindu widowhood and later conversion sharpened debates on women's agency.

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