APPENDIX-A
QUESTIONNAIRE
ON
Problems and Prospects of Muslim Women in Higher Education
FOR WOMEN STUDENTS PURSUING HIGHER EDUCATION
(Through Provincialised Colleges of Nagaon District)

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Name of the Respondent/Student: .................................................................

Name of the Educational Institution: .............................................................

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Stream: Arts..................Science.....................Commerce.....................

Educational Level of Mother:
Illiterate..........................Below 10th Std..................; Above 10th Std; ..................
Graduate........Post Graduate;..........................Others..........................

Father’s Occupation:
Cultivation..........................Business.........................Service

(Specify)..........................Others....................

Mother’s Occupation:
House Wife........................ Business........................Service

(Specify)..........................Others....................

Father’s Monthly Income (Rs):
5000-10000 10,000 – 20,000 Above 20,000

Mother’s Monthly Income (Rs):
5000 or Below; Below 10,000 ; Below 20,000 Above 20,000
Instruction:
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Social Aspect

1. Do you agree that trend of early marriage is a hindrance in pursuing Higher Education?
   i. Yes
   ii. No

2. Do you think that social taboos are mostly responsible for bringing hindrances in pursuing Higher Education of Muslim women?
   i. Yes
   ii. No

3. Do you believe that higher education of Muslim women will help to establish their social empowerment?
   i. Yes
   ii. No

4. Do you believe that prejudice and traditions are responsible in slowing down higher education?
   i. Yes
   ii. No

5. Do you agree that ‘Purdah System’ is also one of the important hindrances of Higher Education?
   i. Yes
ii. No

6. Can marriage be a hindrance in pursuing higher education?
   i. Yes
   ii. No

7. Do you believe that lack of awareness and consciousness among the Muslim people they seldom show motivation towards the higher education of their children?
   i. Yes
   ii. No

8. Do you think that being a daughter; parents give you less importance regarding your education than their sons?
   i. Yes
   ii. No

9. Do you think that higher education is essential for social empowerment?
   i. Yes
   ii. No

10. Do you feel that you are getting less educational support and facilities from your parents than that of your other friends belonging to different communities?
    i. Yes
    ii. No

Economic Aspect

11. Do you agree that parental income is a hindrance to higher education?
    i. Yes
    ii. No

12. Are you agree that your parents capable of meeting up your educational expenses?
    i. Yes
    ii. No

13. Do you believe that economic self dependence may lead a woman towards economic empowerment?
14. Do you think that your parents seek your financial support in buying books and study materials?
   i. Yes
   ii. No

15. Do you believe that higher education may lead Muslim women towards their economic empowerment?
   i. Yes
   ii. No

16. Do you need to supplement your family’s income?
   i. Yes
   ii. No

17. Do you believe that poverty is one of the important obstructions of higher education for Muslim women?
   i. Yes
   ii. No

18. Do you think that your parents are unable to bear the expenses of higher education?
   i. Yes
   ii. No

19. Do you believe that economic crisis of your parents compelled them to deprive you from higher education?
   i. Yes
   ii. No

20. Do you think that due to the unemployment problem among the educated Muslim women parents show poor interest in higher education?
Cultural Aspect

21. Do you agree that so-called cultural restrictions of Muslim women creating hurdles in pursuing higher education?
   i. Yes
   ii. No

22. Do you think that dowry system is creating hindrance in the education of Muslim women?
   i. Yes
   ii. No

23. Do you believe that prevailing traditions, customs, and beliefs of the Muslim communities create a barrier in pursuing Higher Education of Muslim women?
   i. Yes
   ii. No

24. Do you think that imparting higher education will help to lead Muslim women towards developing cultural empowerment?
   i. Yes
   ii. No

25. Do you agree that cultural taboos bring hindrances in pursuing higher education of Muslim women?
   i. Yes
   ii. No

26. Do you believe that socio-cultural traditions of Muslim communities creating hindrances in the higher education of Muslim women as compared to others?
   i. Yes
   ii. No

27. Do you believe that prejudice and traditions are responsible in slowing down higher education?
   i. Yes
28. Do you think that psycho fear of losing Islamic identity, character; traditional values and culture parents ignore higher education?
   i. Yes
   ii. No

29. Do you believe that cultural orthodoxy of parents is bringing barrier towards the higher education of Muslim women?
   i. Yes
   ii. No

30. Do you think that paradigm shift will encourage Muslim parents for higher education?
   i. Yes
   ii. No

Educational Aspect

31. Do you think that there should be more colleges for women?
   i. Yes
   ii. No

32. Being a woman, do you believe that Muslim women have ample prospects in higher education?
   i. Yes
   ii. No

33. Do you agree that educated women are much more empowered than uneducated women?
   i. Yes
   ii. No

34. Do you believe that Muslim families do not have educational environment?
   i. Yes
ii. No

35. Do you agree that Muslim women face more educational problems as compared to others?
   i. Yes
   ii. No

36. Do you agree Muslim parents have less educational ambition as compared to others?
   i. Yes
   ii. No

37. Do you believe that wastage and stagnation among Muslim women is much more in Higher Education?
   i. Yes
   ii. No

38. Do you think that our parents are educationally less conscious as compared to other communities?
   i. Yes
   ii. No

39. Do you think that infrastructure of the educational institutions are not suitable for Muslim women?
   i. Yes
   ii. No

40. Do you agree that Muslim families put less importance on the higher education of women as compared to men?
   i. Yes
   ii. No
Religious Aspect

41. Do you think that psycho fear of losing religious values and Islamic identity parents ignore higher education?
   i. Yes
   ii. No

42. Do you believe that religion is an obstruction in pursuing higher education?
   i. Yes
   ii. No

43. Do you know that Islam as a religion put much more importance on education?
   i. Yes
   ii. No

44. Do you feel that due to ignorance and conservative attitude Muslim women are given less educational support and facilities by their parents than that of other communities?
   i. Yes
   ii. No

45. Do you think that Muslim parents feel absurd/ discomfort/ uneasy to allow their child to pursue higher education staying in the hostel or else?
   i. Yes
   ii. No

46. Do you agree that initiatives taken by the Government and other social organizations are not adequate for minimising problems and increasing prospects of higher education?
   i. Yes
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47. Do you know that Islam has given importance on equality of men and women?
   i. Yes
   ii. No
48. Do you agree that Islam Muslim communities following Qur’anic instructions regarding education, equality and empowerment?
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49. Do you agree that Muslim women are lagging behind in higher education due to traditional wrong interpretation of religious instructions?
   i. Yes
   ii. No

50. ‘To acquire knowledge is essential for every Muslim men and women’. Do you know it?
   i. Yes
   ii. No

**Date:**

**Signature of the Research Scholar**
APPENDIX-B
QUESTIONNAIRE
ON
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FOR PARENTS

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Date: ____________________________

Signature of the Research Scholar
# APPENDIX-C

## COLLEGE WISE STUDENTS ENROLMENT COLLECTION FORMAT

### DATA COLLECTION FORMAT

#### YEAR AND COMMUNITY WISE

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APPENDIX-D
POPULATION DATA COLLECTION LETTER

Date:

To,
The Principal,

Sub: Request to provide enrolment data of your college for the research purpose

Sir/Madam,
I have the pleasure to inform you that I am a Ph. D. research scholar of Gauhati University. I have been doing my research under Prof. Gayatree Goswamee and my research topic is “Problems and Prospects of Muslim Women in Higher Education”. In this research work, I need help of your office staff to provide me community-wise (Hindu & Muslim) students’ enrolment data from 2012 to 2017. So, I request your kind honour to instruct the personnel concerned to help me by providing the required data. I shall remain ever grateful for your kind help.

With regards and thanks,

Sincerely yours,

(Md. Nazrul Islam Barbhuyan)

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