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Question 2 (6 marks)

Name a country, and identify ONE feature of that country that demonstrates BOTH continuity and change.

India and changing gender roles and status for women.

With reference to the country you have named, evaluate how power and authority impact on the feature you have identified.

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India is a patriarchal society, men have more power and position of authority, resulting in a continuity of women having an inferior role and being discriminated against. Women have little power in the family on decision making because of the power of men. Women in India have experienced some changes, such as the right to vote ^{From authority of government} and to divorce, these changes have given them more power to make continued changes. Women in upper and middle castes have more access to education which gives them the ability to get employed and enhance their status in their careers. This gives them more power and authority. It is evident that structures in society of the caste has power over women gaining change. Those with more power and authority such as men and the upper caste resist change with their power causing continuity. They have the ability from power to cause continuity of gender roles. Power and authority in India ultimately influences continuity of gender roles and also impacts on changes for women when they gain more power and authority to continue changing their status in the future.