

**M.A. PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)**

**Term-End Examination**

**December, 2012**

**MPYE-006 : DALIT PHILOSOPHY**

*Time : 3 hours*

*Maximum Marks : 100*

- Note :** (i) *Answer all five questions.*  
(ii) *All questions carry equal marks.*  
(iii) *Answers to question 1 and 2 should be in about 400 words each.*

1. Discuss the philosophy and analysis of religion by Ambedkar. 20

**OR**

Analyse the Dalit quest for freedom and discuss the debate between Gandhi and Ambedkar on the same issue. 20

2. Explain the dalit concept of death and after life. Is the dalit eschatology mostly materialistic ? Explain. 20

**OR**

Discuss the main features of Dalit Religion. How did various religions of Indian origin impact the situations of the dalit ? 20

3. Answer *any two* of the following in about 200 words each.
- (a) How do you assess the impact of the extent of the changes of enlightenment among the Dalits ? 10
  - (b) Sketch the challenges posed to brahmanical ideology by Buddhism. 10
  - (c) Give an account of the critique of religion by E.V.R. Periyar. 10
  - (d) "I am bound to take up critical writing because, unless there is critical writing, social science does not mean anything."- Explain the socio-political critique by Kancha Ilaiah. 10
4. Answer *any four* of the following in about 150 words each.
- (a) What do you understand by the term "Subaltern" ? 5
  - (b) Explain labour as the foundation of Dalit living. 5
  - (c) Give a brief account of the problem of evil from a dalit perspective. 5
  - (d) What are the contributions of Tiruvalluvar to the cause of the Dalits ? 5
  - (e) Who were the 'sramanas'? Write a short note on the sramana tradition. 5
  - (f) Can we say that non-violence is the rule of life of the dalit ? 5

5. Write short notes on *any five* of the following in about **100** words each.

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| (a) Untouchables                      | 4 |
| (b) Problem of evil                   | 4 |
| (c) Egalitarian Society               | 4 |
| (d) Dalitization                      | 4 |
| (e) Philosophy of liberation          | 4 |
| (f) Social-utility                    | 4 |
| (g) Varnas                            | 4 |
| (h) Dehumanisation through Exclusion. | 4 |
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