

M.A. PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)

Term-End Examination

December, 2015

MPYE-006 : DALIT PHILOSOPHY

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Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : (i) Answer *all five* questions.

(ii) *All* questions carry *equal* marks.

(iii) Answer to question no. 1 and 2 should be in about **500** words each.

1. Discuss the social location of the dalits by explaining 'denial through exploitation' and 'dehumanisation through exclusion'. **20**

OR

Write an essay on the philosophical foundations to dalit liberation provided by Ambedkar and Periyar. **20**

2. Discuss in detail various foundations of dalit eschatology. Is dalit eschatology materialistic? Explain. **20**

OR

What is your take on dalit philosophy of life? **20**
Explain the significance of philosophizing from the dalit perspective.

3. Answer **any two** of the following in about **250** words each :
- (a) What do you know about the Gandhi - Ambedkar debate on the dalit issue ? Explain the differences in the views of the two leaders. **10**
- (b) How has globalisation and education changed the face of dalits in India ? Explain. **10**
- (c) Are the dalit religions symbols pragmatic and constructive ? Comment. **10**
- (d) How are spirituality and aesthetic experience related in dalit life ? Explain. **10**
4. Answer **any four** of the following in about **150** words each :
- (a) Why is dalit rituals considered more liberal and norm-less ? **5**
- (b) What do you mean by Dalit Power of Forgiving ? **5**
- (c) Write a note on Saiva Bhakti. **5**
- (d) What do you know about the Carvaka school of Indian thought ? **5**
- (e) Does caste cut across barriers of religions ? **5**
- (f) Write a note on 'labour as the foundation of dalit life'. **5**
5. Write short notes on **any five** of the following in about **100** words each :
- (a) Value of dressing **4**
- (b) Centrality of aram (righteousness) in Tirukkural **4**
- (c) Subaltern religion **4**
- (d) Temple culture **4**
- (e) Navyayana **4**
- (f) Dalit religiosity **4**
- (g) Shamanism **4**
- (h) Social utility **4**