MPYE-006

M. A. PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)

Term-End Examination

June, 2022

MPYE-006 : DALIT PHILOSOPHY

Time : 3 Hours　　　　　*Maximum Marks : 100*

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

(ii)　All questions carry equal marks.

*(iii) Answers to Question Nos. **1** and **2** should be in about **500** words each.*

1. Evaluate the philosophical concepts in Dalit philosophy as the theoretical foundations of a Philosophy of Liberation.　　20

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Examine the uniqueness of Dalit culture and rituals. Differentiate them from that of non-Dalits.

2. Explain religious dimensions prevalent among Dalit communities and examine the impact of other religions on them.   20

Or

Analyse Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's approach to the liberation of Dalits and compare it with that of the methods of E. V. R. Periyar.

3. Answer any *two* of the following questions in about **250** words each :   10 each

   (a) Compare Sramanic systems with Brahmanic systems and justify the claim of Dalit thinkers that the Sramanic thinking was close to Dalit thinking.

   (b) Illustrate major characteristics of Dalit eschatology.

   (c) Explain the human values and moral outlook of Dalits and examine their scope in liberating Dalits.

   (d) Elaborate the impact of modern science and humanities on the life and life styles of Dalits.

4. Answer any *four* of the following questions in about **150** words each : 5 each

   (a) How do you assess the Dalit criticism against Gandhi ?

   (b) Describe Chakalatwam.

   (c) How do we understand the 'Conflicting Consciousness' of Dalits ?

   (d) Describe *four* margas that are promoted by Shaiva Bhakti tradition.

   (e) Enumerate important contributions of Iyothee Thass to Dalit philosophy.

   (f) Describe the socio-political critique of Kancha Ilaiah against Indian society and religious fundamentalism.

5. Write short notes on any *five* of the following in about **100** words each : 4 each

   (a) The 18th Century Enlightenment

   (b) Exclusion

   (c) Manusmriti

   (d) Purushartha

   (e) Dalit power of forgiving

   (f) Drum or Dappu

   (g) Tolkappiyar

   (h) Kanshi Ram

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