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MPYE-006

M. A. (PHILOSOPHY)

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Term-End Examination

June, 2025

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. Critically analyse the socio-cultural constructs of the Dalit exclusion and exploitation by the mainstream Indian society and examine whether the methods of rectification and reconciliation are sufficient and effective. 20

Or

Explore into the Dalit religious understanding regarding the end of human life, the belief in the ancestors and life after death as worldly and oriented towards common good.

2. Critically evaluate important characteristics of the Dalit world-view, and demonstrate the process of philosophizing from Dalit perspectives. 20

Or

Explain the philosophy of liberation according to Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, and examine whether his philosophy of liberation can be universalised in all contexts of oppression and exploitation.

3. Answer any *two* of the following questions in about **250** words each :
- (a) Examine the effectiveness and impact of the rationalist philosophy of E. V. R. Periyar on the question of the Dalit liberation. 10

- (b) Illustrate that the Dalit aesthetic outlook is not just art-appreciation and enjoyment but art-creation and communitarian happiness. 10
- (c) Examine the impact of the world religions on the life and lifestyle of the Dalits in India. 10
- (d) Explicate the rich traditions of Dalit folklore as communitarian, liberative and humanising. 10
4. Answer any *four* of the following questions in about **150** words each :
- (a) Trace the general historical roots of Dalits. 5
- (b) Explain the problem of evil from the Dalit perspective. 5
- (c) Suggest any *five* ideas regarding the future of Dalit religious philosophy. 5
- (d) Write a short note on Shramana tradition. 5

- (e) Explain the metaphysical principles found in Tokappiyam. 5
- (f) How did Sri Narayana Guru use the Advaita Vedanta as a tool for transforming society ? 5
5. Write short notes on any *five* of the following in about **100** words each :
- (a) Defacement through elimination 4
- (b) The Enlightenment 4
- (c) Jainism 4
- (d) Dalit power of forgiving 4
- (e) Dappu or Parai 4
- (f) Subaltern 4
- (g) Carvakas 4
- (h) Jyotirao Phule 4

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