

**M.A. PHILOSOPHY**

**Term-End Examination**

**June, 2012**

**MPYE-006 : DALIT PHILOSOPHY**

*Time : 3 hours*

*Maximum Marks : 100*

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- Note :** (i) *Answer all five questions.*  
(ii) *All questions carry equal marks.*  
(iii) *Answers to questions 1 and 2 should be in about 400 words each.*
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1. Give an account of Ambedkar's understanding of Dalit religions philosophy. Discuss his critique of socio-religions inequality. 20

**OR**

What do you understand by the term Dalit ? Explain Dehumanisation through exclusion and denial through exploitation. 20

2. Describe the general idea of the Dalit notion of the divine. What are the differences between the religious world of Dalits and the dominant classical traditions ? 20

**OR**

Write an essay on the human values and moral outlook of the Dalits. 20

3. Answer *any two* of the following in about **200 words** each.
- (a) Elaborate the relation between spirituality and Dalit aesthetic experience. **10**
  - (b) Briefly spell out the phases of the process of philosophising from a dalit perspective. **10**
  - (c) Discuss the contributions of Jyotirao Phule to the cause of the Dalits. **10**
  - (d) Comment on the Dalit critique of world religion. **10**
4. Answer *any four* of the following in about **150 words** each.
- (a) The phenomenon of "caste cuts across barriers of religions". Explain in brief. **5**
  - (b) What are the Dalit Contributions to Indian music and dance ? **5**
  - (c) Does change of religion change the social status of the Dalits ? Give your opinion. **5**
  - (d) Why are the dalit religious symbols pragmatic and constructive ? **5**
  - (e) Write a note on the every-dayness of dalit rituals. **5**
  - (f) Give a brief account of the sense of communitarian aesthetics among the dalits. **5**

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

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| (a) Varnas                       | 4 |
| (b) Dalit                        | 4 |
| (c) Narayana Guru                | 4 |
| (d) Brahmanism                   | 4 |
| (e) Aram (righteousness)         | 4 |
| (f) Purity and pollution         | 4 |
| (g) Subaltern Religion           | 4 |
| (h) Justice, love and compassion | 4 |
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