



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI – 600 034

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – PHILOSOPHY

FIRST SEMESTER – APRIL 2025

PPL1MC05 – TRIBAL AND DALIT PHILOSOPHIES



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Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 09:00 AM - 12:00 NOON

SECTION A – K1 (CO1)

Answer ALL the questions

(5 x 1 = 5)

1 Match the following

a)	The system of <i>Parha</i>	Animals and Plants
b)	The symbols of Dalit cultures	Schedule Tribes
c)	Western writers called the Dalit worldview	Inside View
d)	Emic	Inter-village Disputes
e)	Article 342	Animism

SECTION A – K2 (CO1)

Answer ALL the questions

(5 x 1 = 5)

2 True or False

a)	The word ‘taboo’ means what is forbidden by some ritual sanctions.
b)	Dharma Sutras also use a variety of other terms such as <i>Antya</i> , <i>Antyaja</i> , <i>Antyevasin</i> and <i>Bahya</i> .
c)	Chief Seattle of the Duwamish tribe was prominent among the African Tribal people.
d)	The Dalit philosophy of life does not emerge from the lived experiences of the Dalits in India.
e)	During the 1930s, PM Ramsay MacDonald replaced the term “Depressed Classes” with the term “Schedule Castes”.

SECTION B – K3 (CO2)

Answer any THREE of the following in 100 words each.

(3 x 10 = 30)

3	Give a brief view of the Religious Organisations of the Tribals.
4	What is the difference between Liminal Dalit cultural rituals and the Permanency of Non-Dalit cultural rituals?
5	How do the Dalits look at justice, love and compassion?
6	Write short notes on <i>Thappaattam</i> and <i>Karagaattam</i> <i>Karagam</i> .
7	What do you understand by social sanctions? Explain.

SECTION C – K4 (CO3)

	Answer any TWO of the following in 200 words each. (2 x 12.5 = 25)
8	Describe <i>Lota Pani</i> (Betrothal) in tribal marriages.
9	Write in detail the Socio-Economic Values of Dalit Folklore and Cultural Expressions.
10	Elucidate with suitable examples Etic and Emic Approaches.
11	Briefly explain the role of some reformers who engaged themselves in the Dalit quest for freedom.

SECTION D – K5 (CO4)

	Answer any ONE of the following in 500 words (1 x 15 = 15)
12	“Community-centred consciousness is the fabric of Tribal Way of Life.” Illustrate.
13	How do the tribals look at the nature? Elucidate.

SECTION E – K6 (CO5)

	Answer any ONE of the following in 1000 words (1 x 20 = 20)
14	What do you understand by social institutions? Explain the importance of <i>Dhumkuria</i> (Youth Dormitory) and <i>Akhra</i> (Dancing Square/Ground) in tribal life.
15	Analyze and Differentiate the Dalit and non-Dalit Rituals.

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