



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI – 600 034

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – PHILOSOPHY

FOURTH SEMESTER – APRIL 2025

PPL4MC03 – CONTEMPORARY INDIAN THOUGHT



Date: 24-04-2025

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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 MCQ

- a) The meaning of Arya Samaj is
i) Noble society ii) Brave society iii) Intelligent society
- b) The SNDP movement fought against discrimination of caste system very specifically among
i) Ezhavas ii) Ezamelus iii) Edukars
- c) The movement started by Periyar is known as
i) Self-Respect Movement ii) Dravida Munnetra Kalagam iii) Prarthana Samaj
- d) Birsa Munda started a movement called -----which means great tumult to resist British policies
i) Diku ii) Ulgulan iii) Abua Disum
- e) Mata Amritanandamay founded
i) Mata Amritanandamayi Math ii) Mata Amrithmayi Math iii) Mata Amritanandamayi Marg

SECTION A – K2 (CO1)

Answer ALL the questions

(5 x 1 = 5)

2 True or False

- a) Secular means a state that honors all faiths equally.
- b) For Savarkar a Hindu must treat India as homeland and a prosperous land
- c) One of the aims of Hind Swaraj by Gandhiji is to critique modern civilization
- d) The Indian Constitution was adopted on 26 January, 1950
- e) Currently the Osho ashram in India is in Pune

SECTION B – K3 (CO2)

Answer any THREE of the following in 100 words each.

(3 x 10 = 30)

- 3 Describe the social reform movement enhanced by E.V.R. Periyar.
- 4 State the dangers of single identity as illustrated by Amartya Sen.
- 5 Elucidate the features and Principles of SNDP movement?
- 6 Birsa Munda sowed the seeds of tribal liberation. Justify your answer.
- 7 Describe the factors that led to Indian social reform movement in 19th century.

SECTION C – K4 (CO3)

Answer any TWO of the following in 200 words each.

(2 x 12.5 = 25)

- 8 “The goal of Integral Yoga is not self-annihilation in another world but spiritual transformation within this world”. Elaborate.
- 9 Digital Education in India has its own advantages and limitations. Discuss.

10	Critically assess the description of caste system by B.R. Ambedkar in “The Annihilation of Caste”.
11	Elaborate the features of Hind Swaraj by Mahatma Gandhi.
SECTION D – K5 (CO4)	
	Answer any ONE of the following in 500 words (1 x 15 = 15)
12	Critically analyse the role of media in forming contemporary Indian Thought.
13	Describe the principles of Arya Samaj and assess how the members of Arya Samaj are different from the rest of Hindus?
SECTION E – K6 (CO5)	
	Answer any ONE of the following in 1000 words (1 x 20 = 20)
14	What role Gurus and Godmen play in shaping Contemporary Indian Thought? Discuss.
15	Do you agree with the statement “Constitution is the cornerstone of Indian Society”. Justify your answer.

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