

2023

M.A.

4th Semester Examination

ENGLISH

PAPER : ENG-404

Full Marks : 50

Time : 2 hours

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.
Candidates are required to give their answers
in their own words as far as practicable.
Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.*

1. Answer **any two** questions from the following :
8×2=16
- (a) Critically assess Valmiki's presentation of caste oppression and Dalit resistance in his autobiography *Joothan*.
- (b) Critically examine Dr. Ambedkar's views on untouchability in his speech at Mahad.

(2)

(c) Discuss the major themes of Marathi Dalit poetry with reference to the poems you have read.

(d) Discuss how the tribal society was mired in superstitious practices in Anil Gharai's *Reincarnation of Parashuram*.

2. Comment on *any four* of the following : 4×4=16

(a) Ambedkar's influence on Valmiki

(b) Valmiki's presentation of the place where he spent his childhood

(c) "The Hindus are divided, according to sacred tradition, into four castes; but according to custom, into five; brahmins, kshatriyas, vaishyas, shudras and atishudras"

(d) "I want my rights, give me my rights"

(e) The victimization of Runu and Jhunu in *The Other Jew*

(f) Bama's departure from the church.

3. Answer *any four* questions from the following :

2×4=8

- (a) Name the two teachers who oppressed Omprakash Valmiki.
- (b) When did the second phase of Mahad Satyagraha take place? What happened in this phase?
- (c) Why did Dr. Ambedkar and his followers burn *Manusmriti*?
- (d) When was the People's Education Society formed and by whom? Name the two colleges that became important centres for Dalit activity founded by the People's Education Society.
- (e) When was the first conference of Dalit writers held and who organized it? What was Resolution no.5?
- (f) Who is Mangala?

[Internal Assessment : 10 Marks]

