

M.A. 4th Semester Examination, 2024

ENGLISH

(Dalit Literature)

PAPER – ENG-404B (Old)

Full Marks : 50

Time : 2 hours

Answer all questions

The figures in the right hand margin indicate marks

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable

A . Answer any two questions : 2 × 8

1. “Dalit autobiography doesn’t talk about the self but the community”. Critically examine this claim in the light of Omprakash Valmiki’s *Joothan*.

2. Attempt a brief essay on the central idea of Dr. Ambedkar's speech at Mahad.
3. "Dalit is the name of total revolution". Discuss the Marathi Dalit poems you have read in the light of this statement.
4. Discuss the impact of partition in the creation of a new class of Dalits in "*The Other Jew*".

B. Comment on any *four* questions : 4 × 4

5. Any two allusions made by Dr. Ambedkar.
6. The victimhood of Runu and Jhanu in "*The Other Jew*".
7. Bama's experience of untouchability in school.
8. Ambedkar's influence on Valmiki.

9. "I must confess I wondered/should I be born/Should I be born into this land ?"
- Comment.

10. Superstitious practices in tribal communities as depicted in "Reincarnation of Parashuram".

C. Answer any *four* questions : 2 × 4

11. How did Kaliram torment Valmiki and his companions ?

12. Mention any two Marathi Dalit poets who were a part of Dalit panthers.

13. What, according to Ambedkar is the main cause of social inequality in the Hindu Society ? What is his prescription to remove this ?

14. Who were the 'patricians' and 'plebians' of Rome ?

15. Who is The Other Jew in the story of the same title ?

16. Who is compared to Parashuram in "Reincarnation of Parashuram" ?

[Internal Assessment – 10 Marks]
