

2024
SRMUJ
3rd Semester Examination
M.A.
English
ENG-C-301
Introduction to Dalit and Adivasi Studies

Full Marks: 40

Time: 2 Hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks. Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

- 1) Answer *any four* of the following questions:- 2×4
- a) What is the meaning of the word 'Dalit'?
 - b) Name two Dalit activists before Dr B. R. Ambedkar.
 - c) When did Dr B.R. Ambedkar deliver his speech at Mahad?
 - d) Where did the Mahad Satyagraha take place?
 - e) Who is Matia?
 - f) Why did Bama become a nun?
- 2) Answer *any five* of the following:- 4×5
- a) Critically comment on the term 'indigenous'.
 - b) What was the historical context of Dr. Ambedkar's speech at Mahad?
 - c) What arguments did Ambedkar use to justify the Dalits' right to access public water resources?
 - d) Comment on the theme of hunger in Shyamal Kumar Pramanik's 'Survival' ('Ekhono Adim').
 - e) 'Uncle why bury it? Give it to me'- comment.
 - f) Comment on the role of Sankhi in Anil Ghorai's 'The Sky of Drought'.
 - g) Comment on Bama's childhood as described in *Karukku*?
 - h) Comment on the Dalit Christian perspective in Bama's *Karukku*.
- 3) Answer *any two* of the following:- 6×2
- a) What do you mean by tribal literature? Comment on any two of the themes of tribal literature?
 - b) How does the Mahad speech reflect Ambedkar's ideas on democracy and justice?
 - c) Analyze the role of Raju in Shyamal Kumar Pramanik's 'Survival' ('Ekhono Adim').
 - d) Discuss *Karukku* as a powerful portrayal of Dalit suppression.