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ELECTIVE - HY900402 - UNDERSTANDING CASTE IN INDIAN HISTORY

2020 Admission Onwards

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Time: 3 Hours

Weightage: 30

Part A (Short Answer Questions)

Answer any **eight** questions.

Weight **1** each.

1. Write a note on the English understanding of caste in India.
2. Discuss the implications of Caste in History writing in the opinion of Prathma Banarjee.
3. Write a note on the views of Prathma Banerjee on Caste and History writing.
4. Hypogamous Marriages.
5. Explain Caste and Marriage circle.
6. Jajmani System.
7. Vishti and Achiyam.
8. Varnashrama dharma.
9. Write a short note on Narayana Guru's views on caste system.
10. Elucidate the views of Periyar EVR on Varnashrama Dharma.

(8×1=8 weightage)

Part B (Short Essay/Problems)

Answer any **six** questions.

Weight **2** each.

11. Make a critical analysis of the view of Senart on the origin of caste in India.
12. Critically evaluate the views of Dr. B R Ambedkar on the origin of caste in India.
13. Distinguish between Varna and Jati.
14. Write a short note on Dalit Feminism.





15. Make a critical evaluation of the impact of Bhakti movement upon Caste system in India.
16. Give an account of the lifework and contributions of Ramdas.
17. How does Karma Theory Justifies Caste System?
18. Write a short essay on Gandhiji's views on caste and varna.

(6×2=12 weightage)

Part C (Essay Type Questions)

*Answer any **two** questions.*

*Weight **5** each.*

19. Discuss the views of Louis Dumont on the origin evolution and adaptation of CasteSystem in India.
20. Describe the prescriptions of Jyotiba Phule for the emancipation of the Depressed classes.
21. Colonial modernity has considerably altered caste slavery in Kerala; Elucidate.
22. Enumerate the provisions envisaged in the Indian constitution for safeguarding the rights of the Scheduled Caste population of the country.

(2×5=10 weightage)

